

Lindal and Marton Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 7th April 2005 at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

Present:- Councillors T Weall (Chairman); R Hickey; R Lord; Mrs D Morgan.

Apologies:- Councillor A Waite.

Also present:- 11 members of the public.

In attendance:- WPC. K Harris from Cumbria Constabulary.

34/05 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 3rd March 2005.

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 3rd March 2005 were taken as read and APPROVED.

PROPOSED:- Councillor Hickey.

SECONDED:- Councillor Lord.

Carried unanimously.

35/05 Matters arising.

- a) 29/05 (a) and (c) The Clerk reported that these two applications had been withdrawn. (request for boundary wall, new house in Marton: new residential development to rear of Marton Hall, Marton.)
- b) 17/05 The Clerk confirmed that the Air Ambulance authorities were hopeful that the Parish Council would organise a collection of surplus clothing, mobile phones and ink cartridges but, *from the floor*, it was suggested that this organisation was providing householders with labelled plastic sacks in other parts of the district. It was AGREED that the Clerk would clarify the availability of such sacks before any further arrangements were made.
- c) 23/05 (c) Councillor Lord commented on the effectiveness of the mirror recently installed at the bottom of Snipe Ghyll.
- d) 27/05 and 28/05 Councillor Lord enquired as to the planned discussion on the Standards Board consultation paper and also the proposed circulation of discussion papers from the office of the deputy Prime Minister. The Clerk undertook to ensure that the former was placed on the agenda for the next meeting and that the aforesaid documents were circulated.

36/05 Attendance of Officer from Cumbria Constabulary.

- WPC. K Harris apologised for the non-attendance of any officer for the last three months which was the result of her prolonged sickness absence.
- She commented on the reduction of petty theft in the rural areas, with Dalton being subject to more problems at the present time.
- Reference was made to a recruitment drive being undertaken at present for Special Constables. The Clerk had also received correspondence on this subject with an implication that such officers might have a specific responsibility for Lindal and Marton. WPC Harris undertook to seek further information and to report back at the next meeting.
- Councillor Hickey pointed out that road signs were still apparently being stolen. It was emphasised that any such theft should be reported to the Police immediately.
- *From the floor* reference was made to radar speed guns and the apparent use of such instruments by Urswick Parish Council. It was AGREED that the Clerk would follow-up previous approaches to Roger Mallett of Cumbria Constabulary, in order to arrange a meeting and demonstration video.
- Councillor Lord referred to the phone box by the Green and the damage to the door and panes of glass. Whilst some of this was storm damage, WPC Harris noted that some was the result of vandalism.
- *From the floor*, it was mentioned that boisterous youngsters were, on occasions, disturbing those who were using the Hall. This was noted by WPC Harris.
- WPC Harris drew attention to the availability of a graffiti-removing service which could be organised via the Police. It was, therefore, important to ensure that any example of graffiti was reported to the Police.

37/05 Report of School Governors.

The minutes of the meeting held by the School Governors on 31st January and 28th February were NOTED. Attention was drawn to a planning application for a small extension to the front of the school and the fact that the Parish Council had not been asked for comment. It was AGREED that no action was needed. Reference was also made to the school's intention to take over the responsibility for the Play Group based in the Hall.

38/05 Lindal Village Green.

The Chairman reported that the Town Hall staff had not finished analysing the questionnaires but a response of around 60% was predicted.

39/05 Correspondence.

- a) Planning applications outwith the Parish. NOTED.
- b) Friends of the Lake District. Character of Rural Roads. NOTED.

40/05 Finance.

- a) The Clerk reported that the cash balances were as follows:-
 - Current account £140.58
 - Reserve account:- £602.16.
- b) The Clerk submitted a request from the WRVS for financial support in the form of a donation and it was PROPOSED by Councillor Hickey and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Morgan that a sum of £50 be authorised and a cheque duly signed. Carried unanimously.

41/05 Any Other Business.

- a) The Clerk reported the late receipt of a planning application from United Utilities to the County Council in respect of a replacement Waste Water Treatment Works to serve properties in Bank Terrace. The site is outside the parish boundary but Lindal and Marton Parish Council was being given the opportunity to comment because of its proximity to the Parish. In view of the need for a swift reply the Chairman decreed that a debate on the subject could take place and a decision reached. After discussion, it was PROPOSED by the Chairman and SECONDED by Councillor Lord that the Parish Council offer no objection to the application. Carried unanimously.
- b) The Clerk submitted the most recent minutes of the Residents Association meeting on 10th March 2005. NOTED.
- c) Councillor Hickey referred to a resident of Lindal who was wheel-chair-bound and who was experiencing difficulties in mounting kerbs in some parts of the village. It was AGREED that it would be more appropriate if the resident could approach the appropriate authorities with specific details of the problems to see whether they were prepared to offer assistance.
- d) Councillor Hickey referred to the problem of pot-holes in many of the roads and the poor results of remedial work. This was echoed by other councillors and it was AGREED that the Clerk would write to complain about the situation.
- e) Councillor Mrs Morgan commented on the continuing problem of HGVs using the village illegally, particularly from the abattoir, and she undertook to see the proprietor personally to see whether anything further could be done.
- f) Councillor Lord commented on a problem being experienced by the New Inn in Marton, with a street light not switching off at all. He agreed to pursue the matter via the publicised telephone number.

42/05 Date and Time of Next Meeting.

The Clerk pointed out that the general election was to be held on Thursday, 5th May, and that the Buccleuch Hall would be used as a polling station. The possibility of using the Cricket Club, or even the Church, was discussed and it was AGREED that the Clerk would investigate the various possibilities, the venue details to be published as soon as possible.

NB. The next meeting, the Annual General Meeting, will take place on THURSDAY, 5th MAY 2005, at 7.30 pm in ST. PETER'S CHURCH, LINDAL. (By kind permission of the Vicar.)