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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 7th August 2008 at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

Present:- Councillors A Waite (Chairman); Ms S Rainbow; D Howarth; Mrs S Kelly.

Apologies. Councillor Lord.

Also present:- 6 members of the public.

In attendance:-

Sergeant Stuart Flett, Cumbria Constabulary
Councillor Mr W Bleasdale, Barrow Borough Council.
(apologies from Councillor Mrs Kath Unwin, BBC)

74/08 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)

The Clerk submitted the following planning applications:-

- a) the provision of a field shelter in a field to the rear of The Green, Lindal.
- b) Erection of porch/conservatory, 23 Fair View, Marton.

The Chairman confirmed that, due to the need for a speedy response, these matters could be discussed under agenda item 13, Planning applications relating to the Parish. (minute no 85/08 (b) and (c))

75/08 Disclosure of Interests.

The Chairman declared an interest in item (b) in minute 74/08 in that he lived in the same village as the property in question.

Councillor Ms Rainbow declared a interest in item (a) in minute 74/08 in that the field shelter was already installed and was visible from her property.

76/08 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 5th June, 2008.

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 5th June, 2008 were taken as read and APPROVED.

PROPOSED:- Councillor Ms Rainbow.

SECONDED:- Councillor Mrs Kelly. Carried unanimously.

77/08 Matters arising.

The Clerk reported on the following items:-

- 64/08 (c) Further enquiries with BT regarding the missing door for the phone box by Lindal village green had brought a reply to the effect that BT were waiting for replacement doors from the manufacturers.
- 64/08 (d) Barrow Borough Council had now confirmed that no planning permission was required for the developments at Tytup (Whitriggs) as “there has been no material change of use” and the “walls constructed around the storage pens.....are Permitted Development.....”
- 65/08 The Highways Agency had responded to queries about vehicle-activated speed signs for use on the A590 by indicating that, with limited exceptions, these were now the responsibility of Cumbria Road Safety Partnership. However, the Agency’s opinion is that the A590 as it passes through Lindal does not represent any particular hazard and they would not, therefore, support any move to install any such signs.
- 72/08 (c) Capita had responded to the report of inappropriate parking across the entrance to the back street opposite Kurly’s hairdressing salon in Lindal by pointing out that there would have to be photographic evidence of obstruction on several different dates, together with support from the police, before they would be able to consider what action might be necessary.

78/08 Attendance of Officer from Cumbria Constabulary.

Sergeant Flett referred to the discussions at the previous meeting (5th June) when he talked about the ways in which the public could report “hate crime”. He wished to emphasise that, in order to cope with any reluctance there might be to contact the police directly with such problems, arrangements had been made to supply complaint forms to places like Town Halls, libraries, Citizens’ Advice Bureaux etc. The police would collect any completed forms and carry out any investigations which might be necessary.

He confirmed that PC Karen Harris had recently been on detached duties and had been unable to fulfil her normal role as a community police officer for Dalton North (including Lindal and Marton) but such duties had now ceased and she was now working normally.

He also advised that it was hoped to appoint a community support officer to assist PC Harris in the near future.

79/08 Report of School Governors. Submission of minutes – if any.

The minutes of the Governors’ meeting of 21st April were NOTED.

80/08 Lindal Village Green.

There was nothing to report.

81/08 Prospective Wind Farm, Standish Cote.

The Clerk reported that a visit to another, similar, windfarm had been arranged by Infinergy for Saturday 12th July although this had been cancelled at the last minute. Another visit had been suggested for Thursday, 31st July but it was not certain whether this had occurred.

The Clerk also submitted a letter from a local resident acting as a Residents' Representative on the Liaison Group drawing attention to a particular inaccuracy in Infinergy's latest newsletter.

In it, Infinergy states that "local residents and councillors asked Infinergy to take a broader look at the local area and we are delighted to announce that our plans for the Standish Cote site have been extended to include an upgrade of the existing wind farm at Harlock Hill."

However, the minutes of the first meeting of the Liaison Group, minute no 6, paragraph 2, suggest that Mr Ter Horst, from Infinergy, announced "negotiations" with the operators of the Harlock Hill site, with no mention of any input from "local residents and councillors".

In addition, the newsletter refers to public exhibitions of the proposals to be held in Dalton and Ulverston whereas the Liaison Group was informed at the meeting on 18th June that Lindal (the Buccleuch Hall) would be similarly included.

Accordingly, it was AGREED that the Chairman write to Infinergy, with copies to the chairman of the Liaison Group and to Barrow Council's planning department, pointing out the Parish Council's concern over the misleading statement about Baywind and the failure to include Lindal as a venue for any exhibition.

82/08 Cumbria Highways, Highway Stewards

The Clerk confirmed that he and Councillor Ms Rainbow had attended a meeting in Dalton Town Hall, on Thursday, 17th July, when further details were given about the Highway Stewards arrangements (*vide minute 59/08 (a) May 2008*). Such stewards would visit parishes on a routine basis, two or three times per year, for a few days at a time, to attend to all minor highways matters.

Councillor Rainbow (together with the Clerk) had agreed to act as the Parish Council's representative for the collation of matters requiring the attention of the Steward within the Parish in relation to minor repairs and maintenance – potholes, clearing gulleys and culverts, repairing signs, cutting back vegetation etc. In practice, local residents can and should contact the County Council's hotline (**0845 609 6609**) at any time for both urgent and non-urgent matters but should feel free to contact Councillor Ms Rainbow – telephone 462383 - (or the Clerk – 467261) for assistance, where necessary.

83/08 Cumbria PCT; the future of mental health services in Cumbria.

The Clerk submitted a consultation document from the Cumbria Primary Care Trust on the future of mental health services in Cumbria. The PCT's proposals included

- the cessation of the use of beds in Lancaster for psychiatric intensive care with patients from the Barrow and Furness area having to be treated in Carlisle.
- Reduction of the beds at Dane Garth (Furness General Hospital) from 28 to 20 for patients with acute functional mental illness.
- The closure of the 20 beds at Gill Rise (Ulverston Hospital) and the creation of a 15-bed unit at Dane Garth for patients with severe organic mental illness.
- The replacement of 10 NHS beds in Barrow for patients requiring recovery and rehabilitation with domestic-style voluntary sector provision.

It was AGREED that the consultation document be circulated to all councillors with a view to further discussions at the September meeting.

84/08 Review of polling districts and polling places.

Barrow Borough Council invited comments as to the suitability of the current polling districts within the Borough, together with the buildings being used as polling places, It was AGREED that the Parish Council was satisfied with current arrangements and would, therefore, pass no comment.

85/08 Planning applications relating to the Parish.

a) 08/0838 Erection of double garage and porch (for the house) with wc. Lane End Barn, Marton.

It was noted that the application was similar to that which had been approved (“no comment”) by the Parish Council in December 2006, and subsequently by the Borough Council, for a timber stable-block and garage. The stable-block had been erected but the garage remained unbuilt. The new application was for a slightly bigger garage and also a small porch for the house. It was PROPOSED by Councillor Howarth and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Kelly that this application be similarly approved. Carried unanimously.

b) 06/08/0945 Erection of wooden field shelter incorporating hedge screen. Field to the rear of The Green, Lindal. (resubmission of application 0313.).

The Clerk reported that this was a re-submission of application 0313, discussed with “no comment” in May 2008, and which had been subsequently withdrawn. The new application incorporated a small amount of hedge to screen the field shelter and it was PROPOSED by Councillor Howarth and SECONDED by Councillor Ms Rainbow that the council express “no comment” on this application whilst noting that the provision of a hedge would be a considerable improvement insofar as the visual impact of the shelter was concerned.

c) 6/08/0747 Erection of front porch/conservatory, 23 Fair View, Marton. It was PROPOSED by Councillor Howarth and SECONDED by Councillor Waite that the Council express no comment on this application. Carried unanimously.

86/08 Correspondence.

- a) Planning applications outwith the Parish. NOTED.
- b) Barrow Borough Council minutes, 14th May to 3rd July 2008. NOTED.
- c) Barrow Borough Council Dog Control Orders – Lindal village green. NOTED.
- d) Cumbria Police Authority. Requirement for Lay Members. NOTED.
- e) Duddon Estuary Partnership. Meeting 16/7/08. NOTED.
- f) “Cumbria in Bloom” competition. NOTED. (to be passed to the Residents’ Association.)
- g) Barrow Borough Council. Training on planning issues. NOTED.
- h) Furness Partnership minutes. It was AGREED that the Clerk prepare a paragraph on this subject for inclusion in “Aspects” and that the information be also passed to the Residents Association.

87/08 Finance.

- a) Cash balances :- Current account £50 Reserve account:- £2901.26
- b) Petty Cash. It was PROPOSED by Councillor and SECONDED by Councillor that a cheque for £39.27 be authorised in respect of the Clerk’s petty cash expenditure. Carried unanimously.

88/08 Any Other Business.

Councillor Howarth drew attention to a new bench which had been provided for the courtyard at the front of the Buccleuch Hall with funding coming partially from amounts left over from funds raised to mark the millennium in 1999/2000.

89/08 Date and Time of Next Meeting.

It was AGREED that the next meeting would be on Thursday, 4th September 2008, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

(All residents of the Parish are reminded that the Council meetings are open to the public and that all are welcome to attend.)