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

Present:- Councillors A Waite, (Chairman); R Lord; Mrs D Morgan; Ms S Rainbow; Ms M Richards.

Also present:- 7 members of the public.

The Chairman welcomed Ms Shirley Rainbow and Ms Mel Richards on their election to the Parish Council.

65/05 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 2nd June 2005.

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 2nd June 2005, were taken as read and APPROVED.

PROPOSED:- Councillor Lord.

SECONDED:- Councillor Mrs Morgan.

Carried unanimously.

66/05 Matters arising.

- a) 63/05/(e) The Clerk reported that he had been assured that the question of the missing waste bin from Marton park was receiving attention. He had also been told that arrangements were in hand, during the autumn planting season, for screening of parts of the Waste Water Treatment works at Marton.
- b) 61/05 (b) The Chairman confirmed that he had studied the draft document on Cumbria Minerals and Waste Development and that there was no need for comment at this time.

67/05 Code of Conduct. Disclosure of Interests.

The Clerk referred to the requirement for Councillors to assess agenda items with a view to making a "Disclosure of Interests", where necessary, and it was AGREED that every agenda should from now on have a standing reference to Disclosure of Interests.

68/05 Report of School Governors. Submission of minutes.

The minutes of meetings held on 14th March and 18th April were NOTED.

69/05 Lindal Village Green.

The Clerk reported on a discussion with the Director of Regeneration when it was agreed that the Borough Council would be responsible for the implementation of those improvements recently approved by the Executive Committee. He had written to the Director suggesting that a working party be established, to include the Parish Council and the Residents Association, to have a general oversight of the improvements.

70/05 Rights of Way. Improvements planning in Cumbria.

The Clerk introduced correspondence from a firm of consultants involved in researching people's needs and preferences for improving Rights of Way. The results will assist the County Council with its Cumbria Rights of Way Improvement Plan. A questionnaire had been received regarding countryside facilities and this awaited completion. It was AGREED that Councillors Lord and Richards should complete the questionnaire.

71/05 A590 Lindal. Re-surfacing work.

Information had been received from AmeyMouchel indicating that the A590 was scheduled for re-surfacing on the stretch between the puffin crossing in Lindal to the bridge over the railway line, adjacent to the High Carley crossroads.

The work was planned to start in the autumn and would last about 7 weeks. It was intended to replace certain light standards at the same time.

The crossroads adjacent to the puffin crossing in Lindal were also to be assessed in order to determine whether the introduction of traffic lights would be practical.

Reference was also made to the introduction of traffic-activated 30 mph warning signs in Kirkby-in-Furness and it was AGREED that Councillor Mrs Morgan would seek further information.

72/05 Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005.

The Clerk reported on correspondence from DEFRA about the new Act of Parliament giving extended powers to Parishes regarding litter, graffiti, dog fouling etc. Parishes would have the freedom, should they so desire, to introduce fixed penalty notices in respect of these issues together with the ability to introduce dog control orders. Further advice was to be published with a view to all such measures becoming effective from the Spring 2006. NOTED.

73/05 Proposal to remove payphone, Marton.

The Clerk referred to a letter from BT, discussed at the last meeting, whereby it was being proposed that the payphone in Marton be amended so that it would no longer be able to take cash, although the facility to use credit/debit cards would be provided together with the ability to request operator-controlled calls, the emergency services and reverse-charge calls. However, some concern was expressed about the difficulties this might cause on those occasions when those needing to use the phone did not have the appropriate card. On the other hand, it was emphasised that the vast majority of the population had either their own phone and/or a mobile.

It was then PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs Morgan and SECONDED by the Chairman that the Council offer no objection to BT's suggestion. There were 2 votes in favour and 3 votes against. The proposal was, therefore, rejected.

It was then PROPOSED by Councillor Ms Richards and SECONDED by Councillor Lord that the Parish Council inform BT that they were disinclined to support their suggested downgrading of this payphone on basis that the village had experienced several damaged phone lines during the storms of January, 2005, and given the relatively poor reception for mobile phones, it was considered that a standard payphone constituted an invaluable life-line during emergencies. There were 3 votes in favour with 2 against. The proposal was, therefore, carried.

74/05 Correspondence.

- a) Planning applications outwith the Parish. NOTED.
- b) Barrow (and district) official street plan/guide. NOTED.
- c) Barrow Borough – review of electoral wards. The meeting to be held in the Town Hall, on Wednesday, 13th July, was NOTED.
- d) South Lakes D.C. Statement of Community Involvement. NOTED.
- e) Cumbria C.C. Decision on planning application. NOTED.
- f) Cumbria bus time-table. It was AGREED that this should be offered to the Anchor pub, for the use of local residents, and that its whereabouts be publicised in “Aspects”.
- g) Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership. NOTED.

75/05 Finance.

- a) The cash balances were reported as
 - Current account:-£113.71
 - Reserve account:- £1906.33
- b) The Clerk requested reimbursement of petty cash (£22.12); payment of the invoice re the latest Parish Council election (£202.50) and payment to reimburse CALC for postage costs incurred in sending booklets to the Clerk ((£1.21) It was PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs Morgan and SECONDED by the Chairman that such payments be approved and cheques duly signed. Carried unanimously.

76/05 Any Other Business.

- a) The Clerk reported that he had been advised of a meeting of the Askam Windfarm Liaison Group, to be held on Tuesday, 12th July. NOTED.

- b) The Clerk submitted the latest minutes of the Residents Association.
- c) *From the floor* came an enquiry as to the possibility of a Christmas Tree at Marton, on the same lines as that provided by Barrow Borough Council in Lindal, on the Green. It was AGREED that the Clerk would pursue this with Barrow Borough Council.

77/05 Date and Time of Next Meeting.

The Date and Time of the next meeting was AGREED as Thursday, 4th August 2005, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.