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Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 7th October 2004 at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

Present:- Councillors T Weall, (Chairman); R Hickey; R Lord; A Waite.

Apologies:- Councillor Mrs D Morgan.

Also present:- 12 members of the public.

75/04 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 2nd September 2004.

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 2nd September 2004, were taken as read and APPROVED.

PROPOSED:- Councillor Hickey

SECONDED:- Councillor Waite

Carried unanimously.

76/04 Matters arising.

54/04 (d) The Clerk confirmed that the sticky labels in respect of dog fouling had been delivered. These were available for any members of the public to collect after the meeting.

78/04 Report of School Governors.

The minutes of the meeting of the School Governors held on 14th June were NOTED.

79/04 B5281, Ulverston – Gawthwaite road. Width restriction.

The Clerk reported on correspondence received from the County Council regarding the experimental traffic order relating to the B5281 which limits the width of vehicles using the Ulverston to Gawthwaite road. The Parish Council was asked to express its opinion as to whether the restriction should be made permanent and it was PROPOSED by Councillor Hickey and SECONDED by Councillor Waite that the Parish Council support the idea that the experimental order be made permanent. Carried unanimously.

80/04 Barrow Council. Bylaw re banning of dogs in playgrounds.

The Clerk reported that Barrow Borough Council were intent on introducing a Bylaw to prohibit dog-owners from allowing dogs to enter children's playgrounds, with the playgrounds in Lindal and Marton being on the list. It was PROPOSED by Councillor Waite and SECONDED by Councillor Lord that the Borough Council's proposals be supported. Carried unanimously.

81/04 Lindal Village Green.

The Chairman reported that there was nothing to report since the last meeting.

82/04 Planning applications relating to the Parish.

a) 175/4/990 Change of use of Public House to private dwelling, The Railway, Lindal.

The Clerk reported that he had been approached by a few members of the public to express their concerns at the suggestion that this village amenity might be lost. *From the floor* there were similar comments, and a note outlining the reasons why the proposal was thought to be inappropriate was passed over to the Council. Reference was also made to the difficulties experienced by many publicans in trying to create a viable business in small rural establishments. However, it was PROPOSED by Councillor Hickey and SECONDED by Councillor Lord that the Parish Council object to the proposal on the grounds that it would result in the loss of a valuable village amenity. The proposal was carried with one abstention.

b) 6/04/998 Amendment to approved plan. Add dormer windows, The Old Chapel, Lindal.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Hickey that the Parish Council offer no comment on this application. Carried unanimously.

c) 6/04/1028/055 Erection of control kiosk, Water Treatment Works, Poaka Beck, Marton.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Weall and SECONDED by Councillor Waite that the Parish Council offer no comment on this application. Carried unanimously.

d) 102/04/0949. Erection of dwelling with off-road parking, provision of off-road parking for existing house and vehicle turning-head for public use. 5 East View, Lindal.

The Clerk confirmed that this was a re-submission of an application assessed in March 2004 which was subsequently withdrawn by the applicant before it was considered by the Planning Committee. That application was for a pair of semi-detached houses and the Parish Council had opposed it because it was in conflict with District Policy E3, whereby development on an unadopted road would be refused unless the developer committed to upgrading the road to adoptable standards. In addition, local residents had opposed the application because of the pre-existing congestion caused by vehicles already having to park in that lane.

The application was now for a single house, with the applicant suggesting that sufficient off-road parking for his existing vehicles, as well parking for the new property, would be provided. A turning-head for public use was also proposed to

avoid motorists having to use driveways belonging to other properties in order to turn round.

Barrow Borough Council had confirmed that, should Policy E3 be over-ruled by the Planning Committee and the development approved, conditions could be attached, to the effect that the proposed parking arrangements were protected, as well as the need to retain the turning-head for public use.

It was then PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Weall that the Parish Council offer no objections to the application with the following provisos:-

- a) The Parish Council remained concerned about the possibility of District Policies being circumvented and would not normally wish to support any such proposal.
- b) The application should only be approved if conditions were attached to the effect that the parking arrangements as shown on the plans, together with the turning-head, were a binding requirement of the development.

Carried unanimously.

e) 04/1045 Portable toilet facility for use with seasonal camping site and creation of pond. (retrospective) The Old Chapel, Marton.

Concern was expressed about the retrospective nature of the application, the supposed portability of the toilet block, and the potential health and safety hazards associated with a 2 metre-deep pond. In addition reference was made to an apparent development of hard-standing for caravans for which planning permission had been neither applied for nor granted.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Waite and SECONDED by Councillor Lord that the Parish Council decline to support the application and that the Borough Council be advised of the concern of the Parish Council in relation to the alleged installation of hard-standing. Carried unanimously.

83/04 Correspondence.

- a) Planning applications outwith the Parish. NOTED.
- b) Cumbrian News Countryside Awards. NOTED.
- c) The Lost Ways project. It was AGREED that Councillor Hickey would co-ordinate this matter.
- d) Residents Association. The change of secretary was NOTED. Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd September were NOTED.

84/04 Finance.

The Clerk reported that the cash balances were as follows:-

- a) current account - £458.39
- b) reserve account - £1088.46.

85/04 Any Other Business.

- a) The Clerk reported that correspondence had just been received from members of Cumbria Fire Service requesting the Council's support for their opposition to plans to close Cumbria's Fire Control Centre. This was part of the Government's intention to create a smaller number of Regional Centres. It was AGREED that consideration of

this matter be deferred until the November meeting when more information should be available.

b) The Clerk reported on documents from DEFRA regarding “Clean Neighbourhoods”. The intention was to introduce additional legislation to make it easier for local authorities to maintain a clean and tidy environment and the Parish Council had the opportunity to comment on what was being proposed.

It was AGREED that the Clerk should write in support of the declared aims of the policy document but should also highlight an apparent lack of any reference to litter in rural areas and, in particular, the difficulties in coping with autumnal leaf deposits.

c) Councillor Waite made reference to the drain at the foot of Snipe Ghyll and the need for this to be cleaned out. The Chairman confirmed that he would deal with this matter.

d) Councillor Hickey commented on the carol service to be held around the Christmas Tree in the centre of the Green and asked whether a power socket could be provided for lighting. The Clerk undertook to discuss the matter with Barrow Borough Council.

e) Councillor Hickey drew attention to the resignation of the licensee of the Anchor. The Post Office was currently only open on the Anchor premises on Friday mornings.

f) *From the floor* a request was made for a Christmas Tree to be provided in Marton in the same way as one is provided for Lindal. It was suggested that it was too late to arrange for anything substantial this year but it was AGREED that Marton residents should be asked by those making the enquiry whether anywhere was suitable for a small tree which could be in a tub. The Parish Council would view favourably any request for financial assistance in this regard.

g) *From the floor* reference was made to an apparent increase in HGV movements to and from Duerden’s Abattoir. It was AGREED that the Clerk should write to the company to advise them of the allegation.

h) The Clerk referred to the most recent advertisement in the Evening Mail regarding “Lindal Moor Abattoir”. This was in connection with the main Duerden’s abattoir and was concerned with routine licensing requirements. It had nothing to do with the disused knacker yard at Marton but it was AGREED that the Clerk would write to the Environmental Health Department to ascertain the current situation regarding the suggestions about re-activation of this facility.

86/04 Date and Time of Next Meeting.

The next meeting was AGREED as Thursday, 4th November at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.