

Lindal and Marton Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 11th March 2004, at 7.30 pm in LINDAL CRICKET CLUB

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

Apologies:- Councillors R Hickey; Mrs D Morgan.

In Attendance:- PC Tony Howson of Cumbria Police.

Also present:- 27 members of the public.

22/04 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 5th February 2004.

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 5th February 2004 were taken as read and APPROVED.

PROPOSED:- Councillor R Lord

SECONDED:- Councillor. A Waite

23/04 Matters arising.

- a) 13/04 (b) Councillor Lord reported that the abandoned car adjacent to St Peter's Church had still not been moved. The Clerk undertook to contact the appropriate officials.
- b) 13/04 (d) Councillor Lord asked whether any further information had been received regarding the inter-active speed sign. The Clerk confirmed that he was still awaiting a reply from PC Johnston.
- c) 12/04 Councillor Waite submitted a copy letter from a resident of Marton to United Utilities asking for tree planting to screen the waste water treatment plant. NOTED.

24/04 Attendance of Officer from Cumbria Police.

PC Howson reported that a quad bike had been stolen from Duerden's abattoir and that villagers should be alert to any suggestions that one was for sale. He also mentioned that there had been complaints about children being a nuisance for some residents and that some children, and their parents, had been spoken to.

He was advised about the abandoned car by the Church and it was agreed that both he and the Clerk would follow this up.

25/04 Report of School Governors. Submission of minutes.

The minutes relating to a meeting on 13th November 2003 were NOTED.

26/04 Lindal Village Green.

The Chairman summarised the current situation as follows.

A decision had been taken at the last Parish Council meeting on Thursday, 5th February to submit a planning application for the improvements.

An open meeting had been held on Friday, 6th February to discuss final details.

A meeting had been held on Monday 16th February with Barrow Council officials who had advised that there was no need for a planning application, the work being allowed as “permitted development”. However, the Chairman suggested that the submission of such an application would be more appropriate as it would allow for formal consultation and give those who opposed the scheme the opportunity to object. This was agreed although it was pointed out that the application could not be for outline permission.

After taking into account points made at the meetings, together with suggestions from the Borough officials, the planning application had been submitted with some minor amendments and three relatively large changes i.e., the War Memorial would only be moved a minimal distance off the road; the gate at the North end would be at the apex of the Green and the stone pillars for the gates would now be simple metal stanchions.

From the floor came several comments expressing concern that those who opposed the scheme were being ignored. The Chairman replied that the letters of support outnumbered the letters of objection and that it was quite reasonable for the Council to have submitted the planning application, bearing in mind the opportunity for objectors to make their points as and when they were invited to do so during the planning process.

From the floor a petition was presented which gave names of those who opposed the scheme. However, the Chairman suggested that because the application had already been submitted to Barrow Borough Council, such petition should be forwarded to the Borough by those who had organised it. NOTED.

27/04 A590 Route Management Strategy.

The Clerk submitted correspondence from Mouchel Parkman, contractors to the Highways Agency, who have been retained to undertake a Route Management Strategy for the whole of the A590, from Barrow to the M6. The Parish Council had been invited to express its views regarding any part of the road and what it would like to see to relieve congestion, improve safety or protect the environment.

It was AGREED that this item should be placed on the next agenda in order that a considered opinion could be offered as to what should be done to improve this road, particularly the stretch passing through Lindal.

28/04 Planning applications relating to the Parish.

a) 6/04/178/157. 1st floor bedroom extension and renew roof, Yorkshire House, Lindal. It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Waite that the Parish Council support this application. Carried unanimously.

- b) 6/04/185/88 Notification re felling of trees, 7 The Green Lindal. It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Waite that the Parish Council make no comment on this application. Carried unanimously.
- c) 2/04/173 Outline application re one pair of semi-detached houses on land adjacent to 5 East View, Lindal. It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Waite that the Parish Council decline to support this application on the grounds that it appeared to be in conflict with the Barrow Borough Council District Plan - Policy E3 – which does not allow additional developments on an unadopted road. Carried unanimously.
- d) 6/04/196/CW Provision of fenced compound with concrete garage as store-room. The Plantation, Pit Lane, Lindal. It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Waite that the Parish Council decline to support this application as it would be a visual intrusion in a conservation area; was outside the development cordon and appeared to be out of keeping with the limited woodland needs as suggested by the applicant. Carried unanimously.

29/04 Correspondence.

- a) Planning applications outwith the Parish. NOTED.
- b) Friends of the Lake District. Newsletter. NOTED.
- c) Rural Regeneration Cumbria seminar. NOTED.
- d) Morecambe Bay Hospitals. Consultation re Foundation Status. NOTED.

30/04 Finance.

- a) The Clerk reported that the cash balances were as follows:-
Current account:- £280.74
Reserve account:- £533.19.
- b) The Clerk requested settlement of the following items i.e. the balance of his remuneration, £250: the honorarium for the internal auditor, Mr Bentley, £30; the annual fee for the Society of Local Council Clerks, £45. It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Waite that the above payments be authorised and cheques duly signed. Carried unanimously.
- c) The Clerk reported that he had received a request for a donation from the Great North Air Ambulance Service to assist with the provision of the air ambulance service operating out of Darlington. However, in view of the fact that the local area seemed to be served by the air ambulance operating out of Blackpool, it was AGREED that no action be taken.

31/04 Any Other Business.

- a) The Chairman introduced a letter from a local resident pointing out that there was a lack of dropped kerbs on pavements around the Green. It was AGREED that the letter should be passed to the Highways officials for their attention.
- b) The Chairman confirmed that work on installing the new playground equipment would commence on Monday, 15th March. It was suggested that ideas as to what might happen regarding an opening ceremony should be passed over to the Secretary of the Residents Association, Mr Alan

Postlethwaite. The Chairman also paid tribute to the efforts of the Secretary of the Association for his efforts in bringing this scheme to fruition.

- c) *From the floor*, it was suggested that there was a need for some railings to be affixed to the boundary wall of the park in Marton and that a barrier to deter children running into the road should be placed outside the gates to the playground. There was also need for further action in clearing roadside verges. The Clerk undertook to follow up these matters.

32/04 Date and Time of Next Meeting.

It was AGREED that the next meeting would be on Thursday, 1st April 2004 at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.