

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY
HELD AT LINDAL & MARTON PRIMARY SCHOOL
ON MONDAY 9TH MARCH 2009

Present: D Barlow; P Bishop; S Fleming; A Grace; C Humphreys;
A Postlethwaite; V Smith; M Brown (from 7.05pm)

Present by Invitation: L Phelps (Successor to D Barlow)

In the absence of T Dalziel, S Fleming took the Chair.

56. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from: J Dalziel; T Dalziel; G White.

57. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 26TH JANUARY 2009

All Governors agreed that they were a true and correct record of the meeting.

M Brown arrives at 7.05pm

58. MATTERS ARISING

3.122 & 55.8

With regard to the road markings and speed limits currently outside the school:

D Barlow stated that, at last, we have had some success with the road markings outside the school as Capita had refreshed the “white” road markings but not, as yet, the “red” markings.

V Smith said, upon speaking to J Smith (Clerk, Lindal & Marton Parish Council), he had stated that he felt our wish to reduce the current speed limit to 20mph would probably be turned down by Capita due to the footpath opposite the school.

Suggestion was made with regard to obtaining a signed petition from villagers stating a desire for a 20mph speed limit through the village.

C Humphreys offered to make some enquiries.

ACTION

CH

MATTERS ARISING (Continued)

As T Dalziel was absent from the meeting, it was unclear whether he had been able to contact a Local Councillor or M.P. (or the Opposition) to try to gain their support for a reduction in the current speed limit.

TD**53.2 *Policy of Financial Delegation***

Our "Policy of Financial Delegation" was presented at the FMSIS Audit on 26th February 2009 but not to the approval of the FMSIS Auditor and therefore needs updating.

DB**53.2 *Committees That Don't Meet***

A list showing current Governor Committees was circulated as they need to be agreed annually. The list was agreed, subject to the following change:
To replace D Barlow with L Phelps, where necessary.

59. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

The Chair requested that Governors declare any vested interest in any Agenda item, or, any amendment to their recorded 'Declaration of Interest'.

There were none received.

60. GOVERNOR ELECTIONS

There were no items for discussion.

61. HEADTEACHER'S REPORT

Copy of above circulated to all present and D Barlow read through it.

62. BUILDING & RESOURCES SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING

The above meeting was held on Friday, 13th February, 2009 to discuss/approve the Provisional Budget and Formula Capital Funding for the forthcoming school year 2009-2010.

D Barlow explained that we should come in on budget and that L Phelps would be inheriting a healthy looking budget underspend.

Formula Capital Funding

ACTION

D Barlow explained that “K” money needs to be spent on specific projects i.e., equipment, buildings etc., and that 7K money can be vied across so that budget surplus can be increased.

The new Outdoor Play Equipment Storage Facility is to come out of 8K Formula Capital.

Presently, the Government is encouraging schools to spend their 8K and 9K Formula Capital in a bid to help kick-start the economy.

63. FMSIS ACTION PLAN

D Barlow stated that we had our Financial Management Standard Audit on 26th February; which we passed. However, he explained that we do need to agree an action plan for submission to Mr Wilson (Auditor) for his appraisal/recommendation.

Action Plan

1.4b *Statement of Internal Control*

This had already been approved at the meeting of the Buildings & Resources Sub-Committee held on 13th February 2009. However, this document needs to be approved by the Governing Body:

APPROVED: A Postlethwaite **SECONDED:** S Fleming

1.5c *Declaration of Business Interests*

This will be adopted as a standard Agenda item at all Sub-Committees.

2.1d *Three Year Budget Plan*

LAMPS to include current three year budget plan in Governors’ Induction Pack.

AGREED: C Humphreys **SECONDED:** S Fleming

3.2a *School unable to carry out benchmarking data due to non-availability of data on website.*

L Phelps to complete details for inclusion on website.

LP

5.5b *Financial Procedures Manual*

D Barlow circulated the above template for signature.

APPROVED: M Brown **SECONDED:** A Grace

64. GOVERNOR VISITS – UPDATE

There were the following Governor visits:

- M Brown - Teaching of Recorders in Class 2.
- P Bishop - visited to listen to pupils' reading.

65. GOVERNOR TRAINING

There were no items for discussion.

66. TEACHING ASSISTANTS' REPORT

Nothing to report.

67. SCHOOL COUNCIL

The School Council had organised a fundraising "Red Nose Day" with ideas such as wearing something red; wearing odd shoes; treasure hunt etc.

68. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**1) S.I.P. REPORT**

The S.I.P Report Proforma (for Spring Term 2009) was circulated by D Barlow for Governors' perusal.

Primary Modern Foreign Languages Policy

D Barlow circulated a copy of the above policy which needed to be approved.

APPROVED: S Fleming

SECONDED: P Bishop

2) LINDAL'S GOT TALENT

Governors who presently do not have children at LAMPS were invited to be a judge on the Talent Show due to take place on Friday, 27th March, 2009.

"Volunteers" were: S Fleming; P Bishop

3) OLD SCHOOL REUNION

D Barlow said that he had received a letter from a former pupil (Jeffrey Cornthwaite) who would be celebrating his 70th Birthday on 7th May, 2009. Mr Cornthwaite would like to have a "get together" with some of his old schoolmates and had so far managed to contact 4 male and 4 female ex-pupils. D Barlow said that he had invited them all to attend on 7th May as he thought it a lovely idea.

S Fleming made a request for photographs, so that they can be placed on village website.

DB

69. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

See Addendum.

70. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday, 11th May, 2009; commencing at 7.00pm at LAMPS.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.