

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY**  
**HELD AT LINDAL & MARTON PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**ON MONDAY 16TH JUNE 2008**

Present: D Barlow; P Bishop; J Dalziel; T Dalziel; A Postlethwaite;  
V Smith; S Richards.

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T Dalziel took the Chair.

**75. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received and accepted from M Brown, S Fleming, A Grace, C Humphreys and G White.

**76. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 21ST APRIL 2008**

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

**77. MATTERS ARISING**

3.122. Still no response from Highways Agency regarding road markings outside school (first communications back in May 2007)

54. School Council – Has now been elected; first meeting still to be arranged.

55.8 As requested by A Postlethwaite, the Clerk had forwarded a note to the Parish Council stating Governors' frustration at the lack of communications from both the Highways Agency and the County Council with regard to the road markings and speed limits currently outside the school. This matter had been discussed at the Parish Council's Meeting on 1st May and they had kindly offered to keep us informed of any progress regarding highway issues.

72.1 D Barlow & V Smith confirmed that they felt that the current number of children arriving early (some as early as 8.10am) was not a problem. However, should the numbers start to increase, then arrangements would have to be made and Teaching Assistants brought in to help. Obviously, cost implications would be incurred and a contribution from Parents would need to be sought towards costs.

**ACTION**

**CH**

**DB**

**78. 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'.

One was received from D Barlow, as his Brother-in-Law would be doing light garden work (funded by the PTA). At present, we pay contractors to do heavy work in the garden area but recently flower beds etc., had started to look "scruffy" so the PTA had offered to fund a gardener for general light garden work, weeding etc.

**79. GOVERNOR ELECTIONS**

There were no items for discussion.

**80. HEADTEACHER'S REPORT**

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

**a) Budget**

D Barlow confirmed that the Provisional Budget for 2008-2009 had been presented to the Buildings & Resources Committee Meeting held on 2nd May when approval had been sought. This had been approved unanimously and the Provisional Budget had then been submitted on 9th June 2008.

See also Confidential Items.

**b) Report of Buildings & Resources Committee**

D Barlow circulated papers relating to E5 Budget showing three year outline plan up to and including year 2011. He stated that, overall, he was happy with Budget Allocations, but felt that one area of concern was the Budget Allocation relating to Gas/Electricity over the next three years due to escalating fuel costs.

**81. FMSIS**

D Barlow circulated papers relating to FMSIS (Financial Management Standard in Schools). He stated that a financial audit of LAMPS is to take place and Governors on finance committees would be asked to complete a self assessment form online in relation to monitoring of financial overviews etc. D Barlow to download "blanks" in readiness of online submission by 31st October.

**DB**

**82. FINANCIAL REPORT / BUDGET UPDATE**

**Financial Report**

This item had previously been covered at item 80. a) & b) above.

**82. FINANCIAL REPORT / BUDGET UPDATE – CONTINUED**

**Budget Update**

The Provisional Budget for 2008-2009 had been submitted on 9th June 2008.

**83. S.E.F.**

Nothing to report, as this has already been updated and submitted.

**84. SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

This was discussed and decided to carry over for one year.

See also Confidential Items.

**85. BETTER WAYS TO SCHOOL**

D Barlow to update and circulate.

**DB**

**86. GOVERNOR VISITS – UPDATE**

There were the following Governor visits:

G White - visited and spent one morning in School.

P Bishop - visited to listen to pupils' reading; stating that he was extremely impressed with levels in reading of pupils in Class 1.  
He was also asked to judge this year's Photographic Competition and again stated how impressed he had been at the level of standard achieved.

**87. GOVERNOR TRAINING**

Nothing to report.

**88. TEACHING ASSISTANTS' REPORT**

The following was reported:

Barbara Heaton (Teaching Assistant) intends to emigrate to Australia sometime in July, with the subsequent vacancy being filled by Catherine Bleasdale.

It has been decided to allocate "Key Workers" (Teaching Assistants) to Reception children starting in September. This will enable parents to approach Key Workers with any general day-to-day problems/queries. It is thought that three children will be allocated per Key Worker, which will, hopefully, alleviate some of the time pressures currently experienced by Sue Simpson.

**ACTION**

**89. SCHOOL COUNCIL**

The School Council has now been elected; with the first meeting still to be arranged.

**DB**

**90. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

1. A School Improvement Plan Proforma Report from Joan Stark of Cumbria County Council was distributed. Joan Stark has stated that a new S.I.P. needs to be completed in conjunction with LAMPS. However, as D Barlow had been advised of J Stark's impending retirement he wasn't sure who would be overseeing the new S.I.P.

**91. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

See Addendum.

**92. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday, 22nd September 2008 commencing at 7.00pm at LAMPS.

The Meeting closed at 8.00pm.