

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY
HELD AT LINDAL & MARTON PRIMARY SCHOOL
ON MONDAY 25TH JANUARY 2010

Present: L Phelps, P Bishop, M Brown, J Dalziel, T Dalziel, S Fleming, A Grace,
A Postlethwaite, V Smith, G White
C Humphreys (from 7.35pm)

T Dalziel took the Chair.

38. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies. However, C Humphreys stated that she may be a little late.

39. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 30TH NOVEMBER 2009

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

40. MATTERS ARISING

3.122. & 55.8 Road Markings / Speed Limits

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

T Dalziel stated that he had not, as yet, been in contact with a Local Councillor or M.P. to try to gain their support for a reduction in the current speed limit to 20mph. However, he would endeavour to make contact with Gary Thomas (Capita Symonds) as a follow-up to previous communications between Mr Thomas and Mr Barlow.

ACTION: T DALZIEL

As C Humphreys wasn't present at the meeting yet, it was unclear as to whether she had been able to attend the recent Parish Council meeting to voice our disapproval/frustration with Capita and the handling of the whole situation regarding road markings and speed limits. It was decided that C Humphreys would be asked later under A.O.B. when she would be in attendance at the meeting. (See: Any Other Business Item 53.4)

MATTERS ARISING (Continued)

63. FMSIS Action Plan

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

L Phelps stated that she has been onto the website and will complete the necessary details in due course.

ACTION: L PHELPS

98.1 School Mobile

L Phelps stated that she has yet to purchase a “pay-as-you-go” mobile phone for use on school outings etc.

At this point, M Brown stated that she has just purchased a new mobile phone for herself and said that she would be happy to donate her old mobile to the school. M Brown agreed to bring in the mobile to see if it would be suitable.

ACTION: M BROWN

41. 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’.

42. GOVERNOR ELECTIONS

A Postlethwaite’s term of office expired on 5th January 2010 and he has now decided that he no longer wishes to continue in his role as a LEA Governor.

T Dalziel said that he has been approached by Mr Peter Thompson (whose daughter attends the school) with a view to becoming a School Governor. The Clerk said that she would notify Governor Support of A Postlethwaite’s decision to resign and also forward Mr Thompson’s details on to them.

ACTION: CLERK

C Humphreys arrives at 7.35pm

43. HEADTEACHER’S REPORT

Copy of above circulated to all present and L Phelps read through it.

44. BUILDINGS

This item was covered in the Headteacher's Report.

45. FINANCE REPORT / BUDGET UPDATE

See Confidential Items.

46. S.E.F.

See Confidential Items.

47. SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

This item is to be deferred to the next meeting.

48. POLICIES

L Phelps stated that five Policies need to be completed in time for the forthcoming Health & Safety Audit on 9th March 2010.

ACTION: ALL GOVERNORS

See also Confidential Items.

49. GOVERNOR VISITS - UPDATE

P Bishop: visited to listen to pupils' reading.

C Humphreys: said that she is willing to help out with the forthcoming visit to the Theatre on 22nd February to see "Ruddigore".

50. GOVERNOR TRAINING

Staff/Governors are to receive Training in March but, as yet, we are unsure of the date. J Dalziel said that she would telephone to find out more information.

ACTION: J DALZIEL

51. TEACHING ASSISTANTS' REPORT

J Dalziel reported the following:

- Karin Thompson - continuing with "Spelling & Reading Programme"
- D Brown, M Brown, J Dalziel & K Thompson - are to attend "Dyslexia Course" on 24th February.
- D Brown - meeting with "Forest Schools" on Thursday.
- All Teaching Assistants have now received their Appraisals.
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52. SCHOOL COUNCIL

The School Council have been busy and have organised the following:

- Money Collection for forthcoming residential visits.
- A "Cake Day" where pupils can purchase cakes for 10p each.
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53. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. French

2.

P Bishop raised the issue of the teaching of French to Primary Schools and its relationship to Senior Schools. Janice Lloyd is to be asked to attend the next meeting of the Governing Body to give her opinion.

ACTION: L PHELPS

2. Committee Structures

C Humphreys stated that the current committee structures need to be reviewed and suggested that two key committees should meet at least once every half term:

- i. Finance & Resources
- ii. Curriculum & Educational Standards Committee

It was decided that this item should be placed on Agenda for next meeting, once Lucie has had time to review situation regarding Policy updates etc.

ACTION: L PHELPS

3. Icy Weather

The School was closed for one day due to the icy conditions on the road and footpath outside the school. T Dalziel is to write to the Parish Council complaining about the condition of the road and the lack of any gritting.

ACTION: T DALZIEL

ANY OTHER BUSINESS (Continued)

4. Road Markings / Speed Limits (Matters Arising Item 40)

C Humphreys stated that she had indeed attended the recent Parish Council Meeting to voice our concerns regarding road markings and speed limits outside the school.

54. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

See Addendum.

55. DATE(S) OF NEXT MEETING(S)

Full Governing Body - To be advised.
Policy Meeting - Thursday, 25th February at 7pm.