

# *Lindal and Marton Parish Council*

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Councillors:-

Mr A Waite (462922) Mr R Lord (464034) Mrs S Glover (462383) Mr D Howarth (463304) Mrs S Kelly (465343)

## **Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> September 2017, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.**

**Present:-** Councillors R Lord; Mrs S Glover; Mrs Kelly.

In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Waite, it was PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs Glover and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Kelly, that Councillor Lord be chairman for the meeting. Carried unanimously.

**Apologies:-** Councillor A Waite; Councillor D Howarth.

**Also present:** 1 member of the public was present.

**In attendance:-** PCSO Louise Johns

## **98/17 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)**

None.

## **99/17 Disclosure of interests. Requests for dispensations.**

None.

## **100/17 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> August, 2017**

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> August 2017, were taken as read and APPROVED.

PROPOSED:- Councillor Mrs Glover: SECONDED:- Councillor Mrs Kelly.  
Carried unanimously.

## **101/17 Matters arising from those minutes.**

- a) 96/17 Councillor Mrs Kelly referred to:-
- the problem of flooding at Broken Bridge: the Clerk reported on assurances from Cumbria Highways that a new soakaway was planned for that area, to help deal

with excess water, and that work would commence on 4<sup>th</sup> September. It was confirmed that such work was currently being carried out.

- further examples of rubbish being found scattered around the playing field opposite the school, despite the availability of a rubbish bin.
- the problem of weeds around the villages: the Clerk reported that Cumbria County Council had assumed responsibility for weed control, instead of Barrow Council, and that rural villages were currently not included in the programme. He has asked that this be remedied in future years and, in the meantime, limited action has been taken by Councillor Howarth to try to improve matters.
- the reference to two trees on Lindal village green which seemed to be leaning dangerously, the Clerk responding by confirming that Barrow Council planned to remove the tree with the most potential for collapse and would try to straighten the other. (neither tree was of a significant size.) Another sapling would be planted to replace the tree to be removed.

b) 96/17 Councillor Lord referred to the bin-collection problems in Guards Road, indicating that the problems appeared to have settled down.

### **102/17 Attendance of officer from Cumbria Constabulary**

PCSO Johns reported that there had been three incidents of anti-social behaviour in the Parish during the month of August, involving youngsters, some from Lindal and others apparently from Barrow. The incidents included verbal and (minor) physical abuse of adults, together with destruction of some books from the Lindal Kiosk. Investigations were on-going.

There had also been one incident of theft, of a garden ornament from Melton Terrace.

*From the floor* a resident of Marton commented on the difficulties being experienced in the main street with vehicles parked on both sides, particularly outside the park. There were fears that children dashing out of the park and in-between parked vehicles could be struck by passing motorists and it was suggested that banning vehicles from parking outside the park might help. It was accepted that Cumbria Highways had looked at the matter before and had been unable to offer a reasonable solution but the Clerk undertook to refer this to Cumbria Highways once again.

### **103/17 War Memorials, Lindal and Marton: listed building status**

The Clerk advised that English Heritage was giving consideration to designating the two War Memorials in the Parish as Listed Buildings. The effect of this would be to protect the Memorials from any alteration, or from being moved, without the permission of English Heritage. The Memorials are formally owned by Barrow Borough Council and, whilst final confirmation was being awaited, it was thought that Barrow will not be offering any objection to the proposals. It was AGREED that the Parish Council confirm that it similarly had no objection.

### **103/17 Planning applications relating to the Parish**

*B21/2017/0459. Lean-to extension, Low Farm, The Green, Lindal.*

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs Glover and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Kelly that the Parish Council offer “no comment” on this application. Carried unanimously.

### **104/17 Correspondence.**

- a) Planning applications relating to the whole of the Borough. NOTED.
- b) Community Information and Safety. (including product recalls.)
  - 1) Door-step selling re mattresses.
  - 2) Door-step selling re tarmac work on driveways etc.
  - 3) Telephone cold-calling re selling of nuisance call-blocking services (for £99)  
Trading Standards advise that all of the above should be avoided. A help-line is 0345 070 0707.
  - 4) Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service – a reminder that open fires can be dangerous if chimneys are not swept regularly action should be taken before the onset of winter.  
(All such notices are displayed on the Lindal notice board.)

### **105/17 Finance.**

- a) Account balances:- *Current* - £50: *Festivals* - £1001.55: *Reserve* - £4557.16.
- b) The Clerk requested the payment of his half-yearly honorarium in the sum of £300 and submitted an invoice from BDO, the auditors responsible for the Annual Audit, for £36. The Annual Return had been approved but, whilst the Audit was normally done without charge, this fee had been generated by BDO after having had to request a minor piece of information which had been omitted from the Council's documents.  
It was PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs Kelly and SECONDED by Councillor Lord that the above two items be approved for payment. Carried unanimously.

### **106/17 Any Other Business.**

- a) The Clerk confirmed that the meeting regarding "Connecting Cumbria", organised by an off-shoot of Cumbria County Council, would be held in the Buccleuch Hall on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October, at 7.00 pm, when local residents would have the opportunity to discuss the availability, and the use of, broadband services.
- b) Councillor Mrs Kelly reported that she had been made aware of damage to trees on Lindal village green by youngsters, PCSO Johns confirming that she was now aware of the matter.
- c) *From the floor* came a report of further dog-fouling problems, this time on country footpaths. It was agreed that little could be done other than to appeal to residents to be more conscientious when exercising their dogs.
- d) The Clerk reported that training and advice sessions were planned across the County to give help and assistance to anybody concerned about cyber problems – on-line or phone-based fraud, bullying, harassment, exploitation etc. There would be a local session in Barrow on Friday 15 September in the Hindpool Community Centre, Nelson Street, Barrow, with two sessions, either 9.30 to 12.30 or 1.30 to 4.30.  
Anyone wishing to attend should contact James McEvoy.  
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### **107/17 Date and Time of next meeting.**

**THERE WILL BE NO MEETING IN OCTOBER**

(unless urgent circumstances dictate otherwise)

The Date and Time of the next meeting was AGREED as Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2017, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall.

*(Council meetings are open to the public and all are welcome to attend. Agendas and minutes can be supplied by email to any resident on request and similarly, they can be seen, along with other documents, on the community website, [www.lindal-in-furness.co.uk](http://www.lindal-in-furness.co.uk))*

