

# *Lindal and Marton Parish Council*

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

**Present**:- Councillors A Waite; R Lord; Mrs S Glover; D Howarth; Mrs Kelly.

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

**In attendance**:- County Councillor Ben Shirley.  
PCSO Louise Johns; PCSO John McVeigh;  
Apologies from Borough Councillor Mrs Anne Thurlow

## **119/17 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)**

None.

## **120/17 Disclosure of interests. Requests for dispensations.**

None.

## **121/17 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2017**

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November, were taken as read and APPROVED. .

PROPOSED:- Councillor Lord: SECONDED:- Councillor Howarth.  
Carried unanimously.

## **122/17 Matters arising from those minutes.**

117/17. Councillor Lord asked about the highways items which Borough Councillor Mrs Thurlow was to pursue. *From the floor*, County Councillor Ben Shirley, who had succeeded Barry Doughty in representing Dalton North, and who had looked into the matters, reported that:-

- The blocked drain near School Terrace had been investigated but remedial work was still to be completed.

- The signpost on School Terrace would be replaced.
- The slow sign on the Pit Lane road surface was still the subject of investigation.
- Moor Road repairs could cost up to £250,000 and funding was still being pursued.

### **123/17 Attendance of officer from Cumbria Constabulary**

There were no reported incidents in the Parish during November.

### **124/17 Royal Air Force centenary, 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018**

Following discussion, it was AGREED that the Council would celebrate this event by appropriate planting, to produce blooms involving the RAF's colours of red, white and blue although it was accepted that this might not be practical so early in the season as 1<sup>st</sup> April.

It was thought that St Peter's Church and the Buccleuch Hall could arrange for displays and Councillor Mrs Kelly undertook to look into the supply of some form of wreath for the War Memorials. Councillor Lord would also look into the possibility of a flagpole and flag on Lindal village green.

Lindal school, LAMPS, had also confirmed its willingness to celebrate the centenary, with plans yet to be finalised.

### **125/17 Maintenance arrangements, Lindal Kiosk.**

The requirements for volunteers to keep the kiosks in Lindal and Marton clean and tidy were discussed and it was noted that, whilst a local resident was taking care of the Marton Kiosk, it had been impossible in recent years to find anybody who would do the same at Lindal. The nominal cash incentive, at £10 per quarter, was agreed as being insufficient and it was further AGREED that an advert be placed in ASPECTS for a volunteer to look after the Lindal kiosk, with the quarterly amount to be £25.

### **126/17 Annual assessment, Standing Orders; Risk Management; Internal Audit.**

The Clerk recommended that no changes were necessary regarding the Council's Standing Orders and Risk Management policy and Councillor Howarth confirmed that he had discussed the Council's financial arrangements with the internal auditor, Mr John Bentley, who, in turn, had confirmed that such arrangements were satisfactory. It was then PROPOSED by Councillor Howarth and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Kelly that the existing arrangements be APPROVED. Carried unanimously.

### **127/17 Planning applications relating to the Parish**

None.

### **128/17 Correspondence.**

- a) Planning applications relating to the whole of the Borough. The Clerk confirmed that the latest on-line list from Barrow Borough Council had been circulated to councillors. NOTED.
- b) Community Information and Safety. (including product recalls.) None to report.  
(All such notices are displayed on the Lindal notice board.)

### **129/17 Finance.**

- a) Account balances:- *Current* - £50: *Festivals* - £1001.57: *Reserve* - £3196.65.
- b) Weed-killer costs, Councillor Howarth, £47.58; (confirmation of sum already reimbursed.)
- c) Society of Local Council Clerks, Clerk's annual subscription - £41:
- d) Petty cash, £18.80 + £75 re the Marton Christmas tree = £93.80.  
It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Glover that items (b), (c) and (d) be approved. Carried unanimously.
- e) The current financial situation was discussed together with the proposed budget for 2018/19.

It was predicted that there would be a healthy financial surplus at the end of the current financial year but it was suggested that the precept for 2018/19 should remain the same in order to cope with any unexpected developments.

Accordingly, it was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Howarth that the precept to be requested via Barrow Borough Council be £3,000. This would be made up by a central government grant of £99.97, with the amount to be paid by local council tax-payers to be £2,900.03.

This latter amount would mean that a band D council tax would be £11.13 for a full year.

Carried unanimously.

### **130/17 Any Other Business.**

The Chairman tabled correspondence regarding Barrow's Mayor's Ball, in February, 2018. Councillor Mrs Kelly confirmed her interest.

### **131/17 Date and Time of next meeting**

The Date and Time of the next meeting was AGREED as Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall.

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