

# *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, 4<sup>th</sup> July 2019, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.**

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

**Apologies:-** Councillor Mrs S Kelly.

**Also present:** Two members of the public were present.

**In attendance:-** Borough Councillor Daniel Edwards  
Borough Councillor Sam Ronson.  
Apologies from County and Borough Councillor Ben Shirley.

## **56/19 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)**

None.

## **57/19 Disclosure of interests. Requests for dispensations.**

None.

## **58/19 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> June 2019, were taken as read and APPROVED.

PROPOSED:- Councillor D Howarth; SECONDED; Councillor Mrs Glover.  
Carried unanimously.

## **59/19 Matters arising from those minutes.**

- 1 52/19 (b) Councillor Lord reported that he had made enquiries of the Police, as had the Clerk, regarding the appropriateness of the advice embodied within the leaflet "Make Yourself Heard", advice which was meant to advise people how to summon the Police

over the phone if under duress. It was still unclear how these arrangements would work in practise and the Clerk undertook to pursue the matter further.

- 2 54/19 Councillor Lord asked about the abandoned vehicles; the trailer by St Peter's Church; the broken bench. The Clerk confirmed that the vehicles (caravans) had been removed; the trailer had gone; the bench taken away.

### **60/19 Attendance of officer from Cumbria Constabulary**

There was no officer in attendance and no crime details had been submitted. The Clerk would pursue the question of no attendance and no statistics.

### **61/19 Planning applications relating to the Parish**

None.

### **62/19 Planning applications relating to neighbouring parishes (Askam and Ireleth)**

*B18/2019/043, Windfarm, Old Park farm, Ireleth. Application to extend approved end of operating life of existing windfarm from August 2019 to August 2029.*

The Clerk reminded members that this windfarm had been a contentious development when first promulgated more than 20 years ago, with permission originally denied until it was allowed on appeal, with a lifespan of the development put at 20 years, expiring in August 2019. However, there have been many complaints from neighbouring properties about noise nuisance in particular, together with difficulties with "shadow flicker" and, more importantly, the siting of turbines outside the agreed boundary of the development.

This latter problem had created doubts as to the legality of the windfarm but nothing further happened until the site owners floated the possibility of the agreed time-scale being extended for a further 10 years, expiring in August 2029. This in turn highlighted the possible illegality of the development, this then leading to an application to Barrow Council to issue a "Certificate of Lawfulness of Existing Use or Development".

The Certificate was issued in February 2019, thus allowing for the submission of the current application for the operating life of the windfarm to be extended until 2029.

A widespread discussion ensued, with detailed observations *from the floor* emphasising that the last 20 years had seen a continuous stream of complaints from local residents to Barrow's Environmental Health Department about "nuisance", mainly in the form of noise from the turbine blades. The site operators had attempted to control the noise by closing down the turbines in particularly windy weather but this was only partially successful and was clearly an inefficient way of operating.

There was a suspicion that any extension to the operating life would facilitate the exchange of the current turbines to more up-to-date and more efficient models which would not necessarily be any less noisy but, in turn, could have a similar life-span of 20 years or more, triggering off another request to extend the life of the site.

It was then PROPOSED by Councillor Waite and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Glover that the Parish Council decline to support the application because of the likelihood of unacceptable levels of noise continuing to affect neighbouring properties and that such extension would encourage the site owners to plan for replacement turbines which could lead to a further request for extending the site's life.

It was then PROPOSED by Councillor Lord that the application be supported but with stringent conditions regarding the need to control noise. There was no seconder.

The first proposal was voted upon, there being 2 votes for the proposal, 1 against and 1 abstention.

The PROPOSAL was CARRIED.

### **63/19 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 received and forwarded to Councillors. NOTED.
- b) Community Information and Safety. (including product recalls.)
  - 1. Information regarding household closed-circuit TV monitoring systems available at discounted prices..  
*(all such notices are displayed on the Lindal notice board.)*

### **64/19 Finance.**

- a) Account balances:- *Current* - £50: *Festivals* - £1003.34 *Reserve* - £4341.48.
- b) Invoice – expenses incurred by Barrow Council re the uncontested Parish Council elections, May, 2019. £48.45.  
It was PROPOSED by Councillor Howarth and SECONDED by Councillor Lord that item (b) be approved for payment. Carried unanimously.

### **65/19 Any Other Business.**

Councillor Waite reminded those present that arrangements had been made for the Councillors and Clerks of Dalton, Askam and Lindal to meet the new Chief Officer for Barrow Borough Council, Mrs Sam Plum, on Monday 8th July 2019, at 6.00 pm in Dalton Town Hall. This was to give all concerned the opportunity to meet each other in an informal setting.

### **66/19 Date and Time of next meeting**

The Date and Time of the next meeting was AGREED as Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2019, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

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