

# *Lindal and Marton Parish Council*

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## **Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 7.30 pm. in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.**

**Present:-** Councillors Mrs S Glover; Mrs S Kelly; Mrs C Stringer; N Fleming.

**Apologies:-** Councillor Waite.

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

**In attendance** Westmorland and Furness, WFC, Councillor Dan Edwards.

**Councillor Mrs Glover in the Chair.**

### **84/23 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)**

None.

### **85/23 Disclosure of interests. Requests for dispensations.**

None.

### **86/23 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2023**

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2023, were taken as read and APPROVED.

PROPOSED: - Councillor Fleming: SECONDED: - Councillor Mrs Stringer.

Carried unanimously.

### **87/23 Matters arising from those minutes.**

- a) 77/23 (a) Information regarding the Heritage funds had been made available for local residents through the minutes of the July and August meetings of the Council but it was appreciated that these would not have appeared in the parish newsletter, "Aspects", until the beginning of September. As a consequence, further time would be given for suggestions to be put forward regarding how to recognise the parish's history. The deadline for submitting requests for financial assistance was 13<sup>th</sup> October with final decisions needing to be taken at the next meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> October.

Reference was made to the items in St Peter's Church, which consisted of a glass-enclosed model of an iron ore pit-head, together with several old photographs, posters, maps etc of that era. It was suggested that these items might benefit from a professional appraisal to determine whether the display could be improved and it was AGREED that this idea be pursued, with further consideration at the October meeting.

- b) Councillor Mrs Kelly referred to minute 72/23 (b) of the July meeting in which she reported the problems of incessant dog barking. The problem had not been resolved, with other local residents similarly concerned. Councillor Mrs Kelly confirmed that she would be pursuing the matter.

### **88/23 Attendance of officer from Cumbria Constabulary**

There was no officer in attendance. Information had been submitted, viz:-

1. report of dangerous driving
2. report of a Road Traffic Collision
3. report of a suspicious incident whereby unknown person looking through their window. No persons found/ present upon arrival of police.
4. report of a female asking for money
5. report of a possible driving over the prescribed limit – no sightings of the vehicle and intelligence was submitted.

It was suggested that item 2 concerned an accident whereby the pelican crossing lights at the A590/The Green crossroads had been damaged, necessitating the use of temporary lights. *From the floor*, WFC Councillor Edwards indicated that he was pursuing the question, yet again, of a full set of lights at this crossroads.

### **89/23 Planning applications relating to the Parish**

None.

### **90/23 Correspondence.**

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.

### **91/23 Finance**

- a) Account balances: - *Current* - £50: *Festivals* - £165.82 - *Reserve* - £8167.45
- b) Payments recently made, for formal authorisation: -
- 1 The Clerk, £300.00, half-yearly remuneration.
  - 2 The Clerk, £55.54, petty cash (inc kiosk maintenance)
  - 3 Archie Workman, village maintenance, £60.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs Stringer and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Kelly that such payments be duly authorised. Carried unanimously

### **92/23 Any Other Business.**

- a) The Clerk reported on recent correspondence from Westmorland and Furness Council, WFC, indicating that £1m of government funds was available to “*help people struggling to afford energy, food, water bills and other essentials. The application-*

***based fund will be available until 31 March 2024 and comprises an online application or a telephone-based service which will provide vouchers that can be redeemed at post offices to pay for household essentials including utilities, food, and other essentials.”***

Further information can be obtained from the Welfare Team on 0300 373 3300.

The full document can be found on the notice boards in Lindal and Marton as well as on the community website, (as per footnote at the end of the minutes). A copy can be obtained, on request, from the Clerk or Kurly’s hairdressing salon.

*From the floor*, WFC Councillor Edwards mentioned the local charity, The Billincoat Charity Trust, which might be available to offer assistance in cases of hardship. Further information could be obtained by contacting the Dalton Town Council, the Town Hall, Dalton.

- b) *From the floor*, it was pointed out that the park/playing field opposite the school, LAMPS, appeared neglected in that the grass was not being cut. Councillor Fleming commented on the seeming confusion over the ownership of the land and the responsibility for grass-cutting. WFC Councillor Edwards confirmed that he would pursue the matter.
- c) *From the floor*, a complaint was raised about the speeding which could be seen on Pit Lane on the approach to the school. The Clerk reported that a 20 mph speed limit had been agreed for this stretch of road some time ago, unfortunately without it yet being implemented. WFC Councillor Edwards undertook to make enquiries about the delay.
- d) Councillor Mrs Stringer referred to the costs of producing the parish magazine, “Aspects”, suggesting that the council’s annual subsidy was now required. This prompted a discussion over the advertisements which appeared in the magazine the fees for which helping to cover the costs of production. Councillor Mrs Kelly confirmed that she would follow up with the advertisers the costs involved and the Clerk would arrange for the council’s subsidy to be made available.
- e) *From the floor*, WFC Councillor Edwards reported that he had been contacted by a local resident on the following matters:-
- The need for the wreaths at the Lindal War Memorial, from 2022, to be removed.
  - The need for a waste bin to be provided at the Melton bus stop.
  - The need for the bus stop shelters by Anchor Gardens in Lindal to be painted and to have seats and lights installed.

He had passed these requests to the appropriate authorities and said that a bin was to be provided. He was awaiting confirmation as to what other action was possible.

- f) Councillor Mrs Glover reported on a request from a local resident for a portion of Lindal village green to be fenced off for the purpose of exercising dogs. It was pointed out that a similar request had been discussed at the July meeting in respect of the playing field opposite the school, the resident being advised that ownership of the land was vested in the school, to which any such requests should be directed.

Given that the village green was owned by Westmorland and Furness Council, this request should be directed to that authority.

### **93/23 Date and Time of next meeting**

The date and time of the next meeting was AGREED as Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2023, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

*(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))*

