

Lindal and Marton Parish Council

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Councillors:- Mr A Waite (462922) Mrs S Glover (462383) Mrs S Kelly (465343) Mrs C Stringer (464781) Mr N Fleming (466040)

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 6th June 2024 at 7.30 pm. in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

Present:- Councillors A Waite; Mrs S Glover; Mrs C Stringer; N Fleming.

Apologies:- Councillor Mrs S Kelly

Also present: No members of the public were present.

In attendance No relevant officials were in attendance..

Apologies n/a

47/24 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)

None

48/24 Disclosure of interests. Requests for dispensations.

None.

49/24 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday, 2nd May 2024

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday, 2nd May 2024, were taken as read and APPROVED.

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

50/24 Matters arising from those minutes.

a) 40/24(a) Councillor Waite asked whether any responses had been received regarding the problems of flooding on Snipe Ghyll and the area known as Broken Bridge, with the

Clerk responding that nothing had been heard from W&F Council officers. He was in the process of pursuing this by escalating his concerns to a higher management level.

b) 40/24(b) Councillor Mrs Glover reported that problems associated with the apparent inappropriate removal of dog-waste bags from the dispenser adjacent to the Buccleuch Hall had not improved, the dispenser having been emptied once more within an unusually short space of time. Accordingly, it was AGREED that the provision of such waste bags be suspended until further notice.

51/24 Attendance of officer from Cumbria Constabulary

There was no officer in attendance and no details of incidents had been submitted.

52/24 Planning applications relating to the Parish

None.

53/24 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.

54 /24 Finance

- a) Account balances: - *Current* - £50: *Festivals* - £168.03- *Reserve* - £11609.53
- b) Payments recently made, for formal authorisation:-
JRB Enterprises, Dog-waste bags, (re February 2024), £41.94.
It was PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs Stringer and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Glover that such payment be APPROVED. Carried unanimously.

55/24 Any Other Business.

a) Councillor Waite drew attention to the park at Marton and the fact that it appeared to be still unavailable for use. It had been closed because of safety fears, with an adjacent bungalow's boundary wall requiring attention. The Clerk undertook to enquire from W&F's Parks Department as to the current situation.

b) Councillor Mrs Stringer commented on a report from a local resident that the mirror sited at the foot of Snipe Ghyll, which was there to facilitate the movement of vehicles off Snipe Ghyll onto the Lindal-Marton road, was in need of replacement due to its deteriorating condition. The Clerk would follow this up.

c) Councillor Mrs Glover referred to the Playground warning sign on Pit Lane, such sign being misaligned after having being caught by a large vehicle(s) and needing to be

re-sited. The Clerk indicated that this had already been reported to W&F Council, to no avail. He would make further representations.

d) Councillor Mrs Glover reported that the heavy rains experienced in May had created further flooding around Lindal village green, and that blocked drains seemed to be a major contributing factor. Several residents were concerned about the potential for ingress into properties if and when future storms were of greater intensity and had submitted photographs indicating the extent of the most recent event.

The consensus of opinion was that a regular routine of drain cleaning would be the simplest preventative measure, with advance warning, so that parked vehicles could be removed and, accordingly, the Clerk undertook to raise this with the Highways department.

e) Councillor Mrs Stringer reported that a local resident, who wished to remain anonymous, had raised once more the problem of the nuisance caused by incessant dog-barking. It was not clear whether this was in the same area, and possibly the same animal, as had been raised on numerous occasions in the past but, from the Parish Council's point of view, the response could only be the same in that the question of "nuisance", causing distress to local residents, was a civil matter between the complainant and those responsible for the nuisance.

Whilst the Parish Council had no powers to intervene, the environmental health department of Westmorland and Furness (W&F) Council had the authority to look into such complaints and could take action if this was felt necessary and complainants should contact this department directly. (Minute 10/24. January, 2024, refers)

56/24 Date and Time of next meeting

The date and time of the next meeting was AGREED as Thursday 4th July 2024, at 7.30 pm and, due to the forthcoming general election, would be in **St Peter's Church, Lindal.**

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