

Lindal and Marton Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 7th November 2024 at 7.30 pm. in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

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

Apologies:- N/A

Also present: Two members of the public were present.

In attendance Westmorland and Furness (W&F) councillor Dan Edwards.
PC Chloe Dixon; PCSO Michelle Jones.

Apologies None.

97/24 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)

None.

98/24 Disclosure of interests. Requests for dispensations.

None.

99/24 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 3rd October 2024

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 3rd October, 2024, were taken as read and APPROVED.

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

100/24 Matters arising from those minutes.

None.

101/24 Attendance of officer from Cumbria Constabulary

PC Dixon reported that there had been three incidents involving the Police during October:-

- 1) a “road related” offence (a vehicle with too many occupants);
- 2) a road traffic incident;
- 3) a “domestic” incident.

Councillor Fleming commented on difficulties with vehicles parked on the pavement at Bank Terrace, on the A590 in Lindal, during the recent sponsored walk which was a fund-raising event for St Mary’s Hospice. The legality of such parking was discussed, bearing in mind the practical difficulties of parking in such areas, together with the problems faced by pedestrians in trying to negotiate restricted footpaths. PC Dixon confirmed that she would look further into the matter.

102 Planning applications relating to the Parish

B18/2024/0450, Poaka Beck Water Treatment Works. Installation of two storage equipment containers.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs Kelly and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Stringer that the Council offer no objections to the application. Carried unanimously.

103/24 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.

104/24. W&F Council, Handyperson scheme.

Westmorland and Furness Council is introducing a scheme whereby certain categories of people can request assistance from a “handy person” in having small D-I-Y jobs completed free of charge. Whilst full details can be obtained from W&F Council, broadly speaking, the scheme involves the following:-

Age 65 or over, or be disabled, vulnerable etc;

Work to be items like changing bulbs, fluorescent tubes; erecting shelves; unblocking sinks; putting up curtains or rails; minor repairs to gates fences etc

Gardening or decorating is excluded; similarly, emergency requirements cannot be accepted.

Materials to be paid for by the client.

Contact details for W&F Council:-

Email; housingstandards@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk

Telephone; 01539 793 161

Address; Housing Standards, South Lakeland House, Lowther St Kendal LA9 4DQ

105 /24 Finance

- a) Account balances: - *Current* - £50: *Festivals* - £168.85- *Reserve* - £10747.59
- b) Payments recently made, for formal authorisation.
 - 1) British Legion. Two poppy wreaths, £40.

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

NB *from the floor*, W&F Councillor Edwards reported that W&F Council was also providing wreaths this year for War Memorials such as those in Lindal and Marton.

106/24 Any Other Business.

- 1) *From the floor*, a member of the public referred to the flooding problem on Snipe Ghyll, saying that her property, along with her neighbours, had been severely affected by recent heavy rain. She was aware of the long-standing problems with flooding in this area, and the fact that W&F officers were meant to be trying to resolve the matter, and asked what the current situation was.

The Clerk reported that he had expressed his concerns at the apparent lack of action in resolving this matter at a recent meeting with W&F officers and was awaiting a response.

However, during discussions with the complainant on the most recent flooding problem it became apparent that this was not solely caused by the issue currently being addressed by W&F officers. The latest flooding appeared to be coming from further up the hill on which the residences are to be found, but specifically, on the eastern (houses) side of the road, in contrast to the original flooding issues which seemed to originate from fields on the western side.

W&F Councillor Edwards indicated that he would contact the appropriate W&F officers as a matter of urgency with a view to determining what could be done to resolve the problem.

- 2) The Clerk reported that he had been made aware of a report from W&F Council regarding an assessment of the current electoral ward arrangements in respect of the size and numbers of councillors for each of W&F's wards. This was on behalf of the Local Government Boundary Commission and had no bearing on the size and shape of town and parish councils. NB The latter organisations had not been asked to comment by W&F Council.

Lindal and Marton was currently part of the Dalton North ward which would disappear under the proposed new arrangements and there were several suggestions for new wards which would see various combinations of the various towns and villages in the area, without any specific recommendations as to which should be adopted.

After discussion, it was PROPOSED by Councillor Waite and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Kelly that the report be noted but no action be taken at the present time. Carried unanimously.

- 3) Councillor Waite asked what the Christmas arrangements would be this year, bearing in mind that W&F Council would not be providing any assistance. The Clerk confirmed that in practical terms there would be no change. He had been liaising with his colleagues in Barrow, Dalton and Askam and the various suppliers, and Trees and lights would be provided as usual. All costs, as had been anticipated and budgeted for, would now be met by each individual council.

Lindal's Tree would be formally lit up on Friday, 29th November, to coincide with the Christmas Fete in the Buccleuch Hall.

107/24 Date and time of next meeting.

The date and time of the next meeting was AGREED as Thursday 5th December 2024, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

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