

Lindal and Marton Parish Council

Chairman
A Waite
4 Silver Street
Marton
Nr Ulverston
Cumbria LA12 0NQ
Tel 01229 46292

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

Clerk
J Smith
7 East View
Lindal-in-Furness
Cumbria LA12 0LG
Tel 01229 467261
jackjan1@live.co.uk

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 4th July 2024 at 7.30 pm. in St Peter's Church Lindal.

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

Apologies:- n/a.

Also present: One member of the public was present.

In attendance PCSO Talitha Kirkham.

Apologies none.

57/24 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)

None

58/24 Disclosure of interests. Requests for dispensations.

None.

59/24 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 6th June 2024

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 6th June, 2024, were taken as read and APPROVED, with the exception of minute 55/24 (e), with the second sentence needing amendment, viz;- (amendment highlighted in bold)

*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 made clear that this was a different dog-barking problem, in a different area from dog-barking previously complained about but, from the Parish Council's point of view, the response could only be the same in that "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).

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

60/24 Matters arising from those minutes.

a) 55/24 (a) Councillor Waite confirmed that the damaged boundary wall in Marton park/playground had been repaired and the park was now open.

b) 55/24 (b) and (d) The Clerk reported that he had asked for a progress report on the request for attention to be given to the traffic mirror at the foot of Snipe Ghyll. No answer had yet been received. A request had also been submitted regarding a schedule for routine drain cleaning in the area surrounding Lindal village Green. No answer had yet been received.

He had similarly asked for progress reports on items reported earlier, namely, flooding difficulties at "broken bridge" on the outskirts of Marton and the parking and congestion difficulties being experienced in Marton. No answers had yet been received.

More concerning was the lack of response to the question of flooding difficulties affecting Snipe Ghyll which had been reported in February and which, despite numerous reminders, still remained unanswered.

61/24 Attendance of officer from Cumbria Constabulary

PCSO Kirkham reported that there had been only one incident relating to the Parish in the previous month, a road traffic accident on the A590.

PCSO Kirkham also commented on the difficulties she was having in relation to reporting highways issues although this was affected by the workload affecting that department. During discussion, *from the floor*, reference was made to difficulties being experienced by HGVs as they tried to manoeuvre around the T-junction at the foot of Snipe Ghyll. It was hoped that this was a temporary problem associated with work being carried out at Harlock Reservoir.

62/24 Planning applications relating to the Parish

Application re Minerals and/or Waste Development

6/24/9004 Erection of an industrial building to house plant and equipment in relation to the previously approved concrete batching plant which is to be relocated into the building; creation of 4/5 aggregate bays with concrete push wall a to a height of 2m and

retrospective consent for new boundary wall of 2m along the C6008. Lindal industrial estate, Pennington Lane, Lindal.

It was NOTED that the original application for the concrete batching plant had been approved by W&F Council in October 2023, after having been considered by the Parish Council on three separate occasions, (February, May, August 2023) when no objections had been raised. The current application would still see the batching plant erected within the confines of the industrial estate but it would be enclosed within a new building on the site of existing aggregate-holding bunkers, with replacement bunkers to be provided adjacent to the building.

In addition, retrospective permission for an already-constructed boundary wall was being sought.

After discussion, it was then PROPOSED by Councillor Fleming and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Kelly that bearing in mind that a) approval had already been given for the batching plant and that the proposal to site it under partial cover could help reduce its impact and b) taking into account that the boundary wall appeared to a well-built and impressive development, the Parish Council confirm that it had no objections to the application. Carried unanimously.

63/24 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.

64 /24 Finance

- a) Account balances: - *Current* - £50: *Festivals* - £168.03- *Reserve* - £11350.86
- b) Payments recently made, for formal authorisation:-
 - 1) Mrs H Clough, resident, plants for Marton planters, £50.
 - 2) Mr J Smith, Clerk, petty cash, £68.67.
 - 3) Mr A Workman, village maintenance, £140.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs Glover and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Stringer that such payments be APPROVED. Carried unanimously.

65/24 Any Other Business.

a) Councillor Waite advised that he had been made aware of a car being parked across the traffic gates to the park in Marton, such gates giving access to the water authority's facilities and also a local farmer - despite a white line being in place to denote "no parking". Motorists are reminded that such parking is both illegal and obstructive for legitimate vehicle usage.

b) Councillor Mrs Kelly reported a complaint from a local resident about congestion being caused in Lindal by the irresponsible parking of vehicles, some allegedly untaxed. The Clerk undertook to forward the matter to W&F Council for attention.

c) The Clerk commented on the budgeted amount of £2500 set aside for the provision of a Speed Indicator Device, SID, in Lindal. The responsibility for such a development had been the subject of some debate, Highways being of the opinion that it was up to the parish council to purchase and install a SID, although permission had to be sought from W&F Council regarding the details. However, this requirement seemed to be at variance with the fact that Highways were responsible for all other items of traffic equipment, such as traffic lights, Stop signs, 20 mph signs etc.

Reference was then made to the needs of LAMPS, the school on Pit Lane, and its concerns over the safety of their children insofar as speeding traffic was concerned and it was AGREED that the Clerk should contact the school with a view to seeing whether a joint approach could be made to W&F Council to determine if a way forward could be found acceptable to all parties.

66/24 Date and Time of next meeting

The date and time of the next meeting was AGREED as Thursday 1st August 2024, 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)