

## **Parish Newsletter June 2009**

### **Annual Parish Meeting**

The Annual Parish Meeting of Electors was held in Lindale Village Hall on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2009 at 7.30. The meeting was well attended by local residents and opened by Chairman Cllr Roger Shearer who welcomed everyone. This was followed by a presentation by 3 young people from the Lindale Legends Youth Group who delighted members with details of all the varied and exciting activities they have taken part in to date. The meet every two weeks and now have been fortunate to purchase a good range of equipment with funding obtained by the group. An exciting programme is planned for the coming year, starting with a trip to Blackpool Pleasure Beach in half term. Fund raising activities to help sustain the future viability of the group are also planned. They finished saying how good it was to have somewhere to go and something to do and learn new skills through activities and thanked the volunteers who support the group meetings, the local residents who are members of the management committee and the parish council for setting up the group.

The group will be organising some fund raising activities in the near future to help ensure the future sustainability of the club, we do hope that these will be well supported locally.

This was followed by our Guest Speaker, the Chief Constable of Cumbria Constabulary, Craig Mackey. He thanked the young people for coming along and giving a presentation and said that the youth project had been "a really good example of how things can work in a community and is the very best of young people". He thanked the parish council for the opportunity to speak. He spoke about policing in Cumbria and our local area. Members enjoyed a very informative talk which included interesting facts and figures about crime in the county and our local area. Cumbria Constabulary features 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> national with a detection rate of 39% which is very pleasing news for local residents. This was followed by questions, the Chief responded to a wide range of questions from members of the public.

The Chair, Councillor Roger Shearer addressed the Annual Parish meeting, he outlined the parish council's activities during the last year.

One of the main priorities had been the Youth Engagement Project and he thanked the young people for coming along and telling the meeting about what they have been doing and their plans for the future.

The Community Plan that was finalised in May 2008 was adopted in July 2008 and there has been some progress in a number of areas. The Housing Needs Survey carried out by CRHT in October 2008 report has now been produced and we are currently in the process of arranging a joint meeting between the parish council, CRHT and LDNPA to discuss it's implications for the parish.

The parish council have also carried out 2 litter picks in the parish and thank the local residents who joined us on these occasions, further ones planned for later in the year. The new CCC Highways Steward Scheme was outlined and we are starting to see the results of these regular visits, next one due mid-June.

Raising funds for the renovation and repainting of the Wilkinson Monument will continue in the forthcoming year, approximately £8000 has been promised to date, this includes a recently confirmed

grant from the Worshipful Order Ironmongers for £3000. We still need to raise approximately £9000 to complete the project.

Recently the parish council have developed and adopted a Strategic Plan which will link to the Community Plan action plans to 'To develop and sustain a sense of community within the parish by addressing environmental, economic and social issues and delivering quality services to our Parishioners'.

A full copy of the Chairman's Annual Report is available from Lindale Post office.

### **Parish Council Annual General Meeting**

The Annual parish Meeting was followed by the AGM to elect the officers for the forthcoming year. The following were nominated and elected.

**Chair** – Cllr Roger Shearer

**Vice Chairman** -Cllr Jane Hall

### **Election of Committees:**

- (a) Planning- All councillors to be "Planning representatives and 2 councillors to review each application and report to full council meeting to agree decision & comments to LDNPA.
- (b) Finance – All councillors
- (c) Wilkinson Monument – (Chair) Cllr Jane Hall, Cllr Jill Tattersall, Cllr Roger Armstrong, CllrPaul Bond.

### **Nominations to external bodies:**

- (a) Lindale Village Hall –Cllr Lynn McClure
- (b) Newton Village Hall –no nomination
- (c) Lindale Legends Youth Group- Chair
- (d) Taylor Newton & Hibbert Charity- Cllr Jill Tattersall, Cllr Lynn McClure
- (e) Cartmel Old Grammar School Foundation – Cllr Mary Smith (till 2011)
- (f) Tree Warden- Mr David Lindley
- (g) Parish Council Internal Auditor - Mr Alan Oliver

### **Nuisance and Disturbances**

If any residents have any cause for concern with regards to activities in the Parish it would be appreciated if you report any incidents to:

Cumbria Police on 0845 3300 247

The reason for this is that the Police are unable to deploy resources unless there is clear evidence of a problem.

***Remember if you don't report any problems or issues no action can be taken to resolve the disturbance and disruption you are experiencing.***

## **Dogs in the Recreation Ground**

Whilst dogs are allowed in the Recreation Area the parish council would like to remind dog owners that we would ask to them ensure that their dogs must be kept under close control and/or on a leash whilst crossing the **line** of the footpath in the Recreation Ground. Essentially the line of the footpath runs from the main entrance along the side of the toilet and the bottom of the banking to the Sheilings entrance.

For them not to be allowed on the play area and to please clear up after your dogs in order to reduce the potential health risks.

South Lakeland District Council have adopted and enforce the Dogs (Fouling On Land) Act 1996. All land within/on the District Councils boundary which is in the open air to which the public are entitled or permitted to have access with or without payment (subject to the exemptions contained in Section 1 of the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996) is hereby designated for the purpose of that act.

This designation includes all carriageways with a speed limit of 40 mph. or less and adjoining footways, footpaths and verges and any covered land which is open to the air on at least one side.

Dog fouling in public places has always been socially unacceptable, but now it is a fineable offence. Under the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996, if you allow your dog to foul, you must clean it up or scoop the poop straight away. Failing to do this will make you liable for an initial fixed penalty of £50. Persistent offenders will be taken to a Magistrates Court and face a fine of up to £1000.

If you wish to take action against a dog owner who has not cleaned up after their dog, you should note what has happened as soon as possible. Include the name and address of the person in charge of the dog, a description of the dog plus details of the date, time and place of the offence. Then contact **South Lakeland Direct** on **0845 050 4434** to report the complaint, which will then be passed to the **Support Services**. The evidence will be considered with a view to prosecuting the offender.

## **Parish Council Vacancy**

The Parish Council currently has a Vacancy for Newton Ward. Please contact Mrs D Cowperthwaite Clerk for further details if interested on 015395 33091 or email [clerk@allithwaiteupperpc.net](mailto:clerk@allithwaiteupperpc.net)

## **Next Parish Council Meeting**

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2009 Lindale Village Hall at 7.30pm