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Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 7th January 2016, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

Present:-

Councillors Mr A Waite; Mr R Lord; Mrs S Glover; Mr D Howarth; Mrs S Kelly.

Also present: There were 3 members of the public present.

In attendance:-

County Councillor Barry Doughty; apologies from District Councillor Ann Thurlow and PCSO L Johns.

1/16 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)

None.

2/16 Disclosure of interests. Requests for dispensations.

None.

3/16 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 3rd December, 2015.

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 3rd December 2015 were taken as read and APPROVED.

PROPOSED:- Councillor Howarth. SECONDED:- Councillor Mrs Glover.

Carried unanimously.

4/16 Matters arising from those minutes.

- a) 116/15 (a) Councillor Lord asked whether anything further had been heard regarding the proposed closure of the footpath: the Clerk confirmed that he was still awaiting a reply from the County Council.
- b) 122/15 (f) Councillor Lord asked whether Mr C Rawlinson, the donor of the £1,000 towards the refurbishment of the War Memorials, had been thanked by an appropriate letter: the Clerk confirmed that this was so.
- c) 123/15 (c) Councillor Waite reported that an attempt was now being made to create a land drain to divert water away from the road at Broken Bridge, the cause of recent flooding. It remained to be seen whether this would be successful or not.

From the floor County Councillor Doughty reported that there had been further problems with flooding in the properties on Snipe Ghyll although it would seem that this was now a matter to be resolved between the house owners and the land owner. It was unclear as to whether such flooding had anything to do with the water which accumulated at Broken Bridge and it was AGREED that the new land drain would need to be completed before any further assessment of all these problems could be undertaken.

5/16 Attendance of officer from Cumbria Constabulary.

PCSO Johns was unable to attend.

6/16 Bulb planting, Lindal village green.

The Clerk confirmed that Mrs Katy Millard, from Barrow's parks department, had been hoping to arrange for the planting of bulbs around the northern perimeter of Lindal village green (*see minute 107/15, November 2015 et al*) during week-commencing 11th January, with members of staff, and children, from LAMPS intending to join in. However, given that the weather forecast for that week was less than favourable, Mrs Millard now planned to use her own contacts to ensure that the bulbs were planted on Friday, 8th January 2016, and she would ensure that LAMPS was advised accordingly. NOTED.

7/16 Community Website, payment of annual fee.

The Clerk referred to previous discussions regarding the Government's wish to see all local councils publicising their activities through their own website in order that the local community could have full access to information and decisions being taken on its behalf. However, where there was a Community Website serving a particular council's population it would be acceptable for such council to utilise that website instead.

Lindal and Marton Parish Council had been taking advantage of such a website for several years, with minutes and agendas being routinely published, under the auspices of a local resident, Mr Neil Fleming, and his Community Website, with this likely to increase in the future as more information was needed to be published: consideration now needed to be given to the possibility of the Council establishing its own website instead.

However, bearing in mind that setting up and running a website was not without cost, as well as a certain level of expertise, it was now recommended that the Council continue to make use of Mr Fleming's Community Website and that this be formalised by means of an annual fee of, perhaps, some £50.

It was then PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs Glover and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Kelly that Mr Fleming be asked to continue with the existing arrangements, for an annual fee of £50. Carried unanimously.

8/16 Flooding at Lowfield Bridge – A590

Reference was made to the meeting on December 4th between the County Council's Barrow Highways sub-group and Highways England (the body responsible for the A590) when the flooding at Lowfield Bridge had been highlighted. *From the floor*, County Councillor Doughty reported that he had been in attendance at that meeting when he had emphasised the importance of this major highway and the need for a solution to be found without delay. The Clerk confirmed that he had also written to Highways England in a similar vein. (*see minute 123/15 (a), December 2015*).

It had been confirmed that specialist surveys had been undertaken to establish the geological conditions in that area and that work was proceeding to devise a scheme to combat the flooding, with the possibility of remedial works being carried out in the latter part of 2016.

Highways England had promised to have one or more of its officers attend a meeting with the Parish Council to discuss the matter in more detail and the Clerk was awaiting details.

9/16 Planning applications relating to the Parish.

B18/2015/0874. Re-submission for additional caravan, Henning Wood.

The Clerk confirmed that this application had first been submitted in July, 2015, when the Parish Council had agreed that there should be "no comment", with Barrow Council then turning down the application.

The re-submission was on the basis that Barrow Council had wrongly considered the additional caravan to be a separate unit rather than as an ancillary addition to the applicant's original caravan. It was then PROPOSED by Councillor and SECONDED by Councillor that the Parish Council's position remain as "no comment". Carried unanimously.

10/16 Correspondence.

- a) Planning applications relating to the whole of the Borough.
- b) Community Information and Safety. (including product recalls.)

(All such notices are displayed on the Lindal notice board.)

- 1. Warnings re cold-calling: Example – a householder might receive a telephone call in which it is suggested that there is a problem with the householder's bank account and that the bank should be telephoned immediately. However, the caller doesn't disconnect at his end and so when the householder tries to phone the bank, the call goes straight back to the fraudster who can then pretend to be the bank. The moral is – ring a friend first, to confirm that the line is free – or use a different phone.

11/16 Finance.

- a) Account balances:- *Current* - £50: *Festivals* - £1001.03: *Reserve* - £3583.96.
War Memorials:- £1,000

- b) Cumbria CC, request for flood relief assistance. Reference was made to the disastrous effects of recent floods in several parts of Cumbria and the County Council's request for suitable donations towards a relief fund.
- c) The Clerk submitted an invoice in respect of the refurbishment of the War Memorials, in the sum of £2497.80, from Mossops Monumental Masons.

The possibility that the refurbishment should be recognized in some way was discussed, perhaps by a photograph in the local newspaper, and it was suggested that the local resident who first raised the question of the condition of the Memorials, together with Mr Rawlinson, the major benefactor, should be in attendance. Councillor Mrs Kelly would raise this with those two persons whilst Councillor Howarth would discuss it with the Monumental Masons.

From the floor, a local resident suggested that the community website would be a useful forum for publicising the activities of any residents involved in similar "good works".

It was then PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Kelly that an amount of £100 be donated to the County Council's relief fund and that the invoice for £2497.80 be paid. Carried unanimously.

12/16 Any Other Business.

None

13/16 Date and Time of Next Meeting.

The Date and Time of the next meeting was confirmed as Thursday, 4th February 2016, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

(All residents of the Parish are reminded that the Council meetings are open to the public and that all are welcome to attend. Agendas and minutes can be supplied by email to any resident on request)