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

Present:- Councillors Mr R Lord; Mrs S Glover; Mrs S Kelly.

Apologies:- Councillors A Waite; D Howarth.

Also present: 1 member of the public was present.

In attendance:-

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

In the Chair Councillor Lord

24/16 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)

None.

25/16 Disclosure of interests. Requests for dispensations.

None.

26/16 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 3rd March 2016

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 3rd March 2016 were taken as read and APPROVED.

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

Carried unanimously.

27/16 Matters arising from those minutes.

- a) 17/16 (c) The Clerk reported that Cumbria County Council would be sending the Order to extinguish the footpath to the Secretary of State for determination. The landowner had agreed to the suggestions put forward by some of the objectors (to improve access to the footpath) but other objections remained unresolved.
- b) 22/16 (c) Councillor Lord enquired as to the suggestion that officials from Highways England had offered to meet the Parish Council to explain the circumstances relating to the flooding problems at Lowfield Bridge. The Clerk confirmed that he was still waiting to hear from the officials and it was AGREED that he should contact Highways England to express the Council's concern at the delay.

28/16 Attendance of officer from Cumbria Constabulary.

PCSO Johns reported that there had been no recorded instances of crime in the parish during the previous month. Reference was made to previous discussions regarding the speed detector vehicle used in Lindal and it was pointed out that future use of the vehicle would be more appropriate in the very early hours of the morning and later in the evenings. PCSO Johns undertook to raise this with her colleagues.

29/16 Planning applications relating to the Parish.

None.

30/16 Correspondence.

- a) Planning applications relating to the whole of the Borough.
- b) Barrow Council minutes, 19/1/16 to 10/3/16.
- c) Community Information and Safety. (including product recalls.)
 - 1 Bogus phone calls supposedly from the Fire Service trying to sell advertising space. (*All such notices are displayed on the Lindal notice board.*)

31/16 Finance.

- a) Account balances:- *Current* - £50: *Festivals* - £1001.12: *Reserve* - £2238.47.
- b) Invoice for payment:- £250 from Barrow Council re bulbs and planting around Lindal village green.
- c) Request for donation:- British Red Cross. (£50 donated in November 2012.)

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs Glover and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Kelly that the invoice for £250 be approved for payment and that £50 be donated to the Red Cross. Carried unanimously.

- d) The Clerk referred to the Annual Audit Return, pointing out that the Sections which required completion by the Council had been re-arranged, with the Governance Statement now needing to be completed before the Accounting Statements. The latter was not yet ready for authorisation but the Governance Statement was ready and it was, therefore, PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs Glover and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Kelly that such Statement be duly authorised. Carried unanimously

32/16 Any Other Business.

- a) Councillor Lord commented on the fact that gates on the western side of Lindal village green now appeared to be permanently locked, preventing them from being used. The Clerk undertook to discuss this with, in the first instance, the Lindal play-group, who had an interest in keeping the green secure when children were using the green, to determine if they were responsible for this action.
- b) Councillor Mrs Kelly mentioned:-
 - 1 Complaints from residents regarding dog-fouling in Lindal village. It was accepted that this was a persistent problem and that a small minority of people were clearly behaving in an anti-social manner. PCSO Johns undertook to place warning posters in appropriate positions.
 - 2 Flooding at Broken Bridge, whereby attempts to combat this appeared to be only partially successful. *From the floor*, County Councillor Doughty reported that Cumbria Highways now thought that a blocked culvert in that area was contributing to the problem and that this was under investigation.
 - 3 A local resident had expressed concern about the 2% addition to the council tax, to fund care of the elderly. *From the floor*, Councillor Doughty explained that this was the result of a Government initiative whereby councils were allowed to add such an amount to the council tax provided that the money raised was specifically utilised for services for the elderly. This was in recognition of the ever-increasing demands being placed on local budgets because of the growth in the elderly population.
- c) *From the floor*, Councillor Doughty referred to the difficulties experienced by the residents of East View, Lindal, in that such road was in an extremely poor condition but was an unadopted highway for which the County Council had no responsibility. He had received a broad outline of the costs associated with bringing the road up to an adoptable standard and he would forward this to the Clerk, a resident of East View.

33/16 Date and Time of Next Meeting.

It was noted that there would be elections for Police and Crime Commissioners taking place on Thursday, 5th May, 2016, and consequently the Buccleuch Hall would be unavailable on that date.

It was then AGREED that the meeting would take place in St Peter's Church, Lindal, at 7.30 pm on Thursday 5th May 2016

NB CHANGE OF VENUE FOR MAY 5TH.

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