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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday, 5th May 2016, at 7.30 pm in St Peter's Church, Lindal.

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

Apologies Councillors Mr D Howarth; Mrs S Kelly.

Also present: 3 members of the public was present.

In attendance:- County Councillor Barry Doughty.

Apologies from District Councillor Ann Thurlow and PCSO Johns.

34/16 Election of Chairman.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Glover that Councillor Waite be Chairman for the coming year. Councillor Waite confirmed his willingness to accept the nomination and the proposal was, therefore, CARRIED.

35/16 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)

None.

36/16 Disclosure of interests. Requests for dispensations.

Councillor Waite referred to item 8 on the agenda, the proposal for a wind turbine at Tarn Flatt, Marton, pointing out that it would be visible from his house. The Clerk confirmed that it would be at such a distance that Councillor Waite should not be debarred from the Council's deliberations.

37/16 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 7th April 2016

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 7th April 2016 were taken as read and APPROVED. PROPOSED:- Councillor R Lord: SECONDED:- Councillor Mrs Glover. Carried unanimously.

38/16 Matters arising from those minutes.

- a) 27/16 (b) Councillor Lord referred to the various emails which had been circulated by the Clerk regarding Highways England's proposals to deal with the flooding at Lowfield Bridge on the A590. The Clerk confirmed that because of a seeming reluctance on the part of Highways England (HE) to meet the Parish Council, he had suggested that if more detailed information was supplied this might be sufficient for the Council to understand why flooding was happening and what was planned to solve the problem.

HE had then confirmed that the recent episodes of flooding were due to both the exceptionally high amounts of rainfall experienced in the last year or so and the fact that a culvert under the railway had collapsed.

HE went on to say that from Friday, 17th June, 2016, through to Friday, 8th July, using a mixture of weekend, weekday and overnight working, "an interim scheme to prevent flooding" was planned which "alleviates, in the short term, the ponding of water....." This would be followed by a more permanent solution, involving the raising of the level of the road, to commence towards the end of 2016, with completion expected in 2017. Details had not yet been finalised regarding this latter scheme.

Some concern was expressed by Councillors regarding the lack of a face-to-face meeting and the shortage of details about what was being planned and *from the floor* County Councillor Doughty pointed out that HE officials frequently attended the Local Area Committee of Cumbria County Council, held in Barrow every month or so. It was agreed that the Clerk would endeavour to attend such a meeting.

- b) 32/16 (a) Councillor Lord referred to the locked gates on the village green and the Clerk reported that whilst access was now possible it was unclear as to who had been responsible for locking them.

39/16 Attendance of officer from Cumbria Constabulary.

PCSO Johns had submitted her apologies for non-attendance, indicating at the same time that there was nothing to report for April apart from one recorded theft.

40/16 Planning applications relating to the Parish.

B18/2016/0257 Wind Turbine, Tarn Flatt, Marton.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Glover that the Parish Council's response should be one of "no comment". Carried unanimously.

41/16 Correspondence.

- a) Planning applications relating to the whole of the Borough.
b) Community Information and Safety. (including product recalls.)
1 Cumbria Fire and Rescue:-
I. Junior Citizens Project: volunteers needed to advise children transferring to secondary school regarding fire safety, first aid, road safety, smoking and drugs problems etc. Required for June.

- II. Volunteers for Home Safety Visits to advise on smoke alarms etc. Expenses paid.

For both projects contact Nicola, on 07825 011005.

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

42/16 Finance.

- a) Account balances:- *Current* - £50: *Festivals* - £1001.15: *Reserve* - £5686.47
- b) The Clerk reported that:-
- the cheque for £100, donated to the Great North Air Ambulance, in December 2015 had gone astray in the post and had subsequently been stopped by the bank. A duplicate was now being submitted for authorisation.
 - the annual membership fee in respect of C.A.L.C. (the Cumbria Association of Local Councils), in the sum of £177, was now due for payment.
 - the Council's annual insurance premium, with Aon, in the sum of £171.51, was now due for payment.
 - It was customary for the use of St Peter's Church for Parish Council meetings to be recognised by a donation of the amount of rent which would normally have been paid to the Buccleuch Hall, ie., £18.
- c) The Clerk confirmed that the final section of the Annual Audit Return, the Accounting Statements, had now been completed and required authorisation.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Waite that the four payments in (b) above, together with Accounting Statements, be approved. Carried unanimously.

43/16 Any Other Business.

- a) Councillor Lord asked whether there were any further thoughts regarding the refurbishment of the Kiosk in Lindal. Councillor Waite advised that he had discussed the possibility of such work with the Marton resident who had carried out similar work, albeit voluntarily, at Marton. The resident had been told that the Council would be able to offer payment for any work done to the Lindal Kiosk and it was hoped that agreement could be reached for refurbishment to be done later in the year.
- b) Councillor Waite reported on recent disruption in Marton when it seemed that a farming contractor had driven a manure-spreading machine through the village without ensuring that it was totally switched off. The result had been roads and parked vehicles covered in liquid manure, Councillor Waite submitting photographs to confirm this. Attempts had been made to clear up the mess but most of the dispersal had been due to the regular passage of vehicles, coupled with rain falling at an appropriate time.

It was suggested that the Highways Act, 1990, Section 148, made it an offence to leave such materials on the highway and that Section 149 empowered the Local Authority to charge the offender the cost of removal. It was hoped that local publicity about the powers within the Highways Act, via the Council's minutes, would be sufficient to deter future occurrences but *from the floor* County Councillor Doughty suggested that it would be appropriate to advise the County Council's highway engineer Keiron

Tetchner about the circumstances and Councillor Waite confirmed that he would be dealing with this.

44/16 Date and Time of next meeting.

The Date and Time of the next meeting was AGREED as Thursday, 2nd June, 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)