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Mr A Waite (462922) Mr R Lord (464034) Mrs S Glover (462383) Mr D Howarth (463304) Mrs S Kelly (465343)

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 4th August 2016, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

Present:- Councillors Mr A Waite; Mrs S Glover; Mr D Howarth; Mrs S Kelly

Apologies:- Councillor R Lord.

Also present: 5 members of the public were present.

In attendance:- Borough Councillor Mrs Ann Thurlow,
County Councillor Barry Doughty;
PCSO Louise Johns.

67/16 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)

None.

68/16 Disclosure of interests. Requests for dispensations.

None.

69/16 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 7th July 2016

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 7th July 2016 were taken as read and APPROVED.

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

70/16 Matters arising from those minutes.

- a) 59/16 (b), (c) and (d). Councillor Howarth asked whether the situation regarding the Lindal park gate and wall had been resolved, the Clerk responding that the responsibility for funding the repairs, some £400, was still being debated between the school and Cumbria County Council (CCC): insofar as the warning signs at Marton

were concerned, CCC had been asked to go ahead with providing same: CCC had acknowledge the requirement for weed clearance.

- b) 65/16 (a) Councillor Mrs Kelly reported that there had been no further instances of a speeding motorcycle.

71/16 Attendance of officer from Cumbria Constabulary.

PCSO Johns reported that there had been one incident involving anti-social behaviour and one of theft in July. The parents and children involved in the damage to Lindal park gate and wall had been spoken to – *minute 54/16 (d), June 2016* – and no further problems were anticipated.

The use of SID (the Speed Indicator Device) was discussed and the recent breakdown/repair difficulties were noted. It was hoped to use the device in Lindal commencing on Monday, 8th August, perhaps for three weeks, on the A590, Pit Lane and in Marton.

72/16 Proposed concrete batching plant, Lindal.

The Clerk summarised the current situation regarding the plans being considered by South Lakeland District Council (SLDC) for a concrete manufacturing plant to be built on the old railway sidings on the outskirts of Lindal. This had been discussed at the last meeting of the Parish Council - *minute 63/16, 7th July* - when it had been resolved that the Council decline to support the application: since then, Pennington Parish Council had also decided not to support it. (The site is outside the Barrow [and Lindal parish] boundary and within SLDC and Pennington's)

In addition, residents from the properties nearest to the site, Bank Terrace, had held their own meeting in the Buccleuch Hall to ensure that as many residents as possible were aware of the proposals (including the potential for the whole of the site being developed as an industrial estate) and what they might do if they wished to oppose them.

From the floor, two residents from Bank Terrace referred to the range of objections which had already been lodged with SLDC, including reports and comments from those with experience and qualifications in planning and concrete manufacturing processes, all offering significant reasons as to why the plant should be resisted. The local MP, John Woodcock, had also indicated that he was sympathetic to the concerns being raised.

Despite the local implications, for noise and other forms of pollution affecting Lindal, the emphasis was now on advising the wider Furness community of the prospect of further disruption to the area's only trunk road, the A590, because of the potential for accidents, delays and congestion if slow and cumbersome HGVs had to manoeuvre in and out of this particular site.

It was noted that SLDC was intending to decide upon the matter at its meeting scheduled for 29th September, 2016, and that representations could still be made to SLDC up to that date (although "earlier the better" was recommended). Contact details:-

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73/16 Possible need for speed humps in Lindal.

The Clerk confirmed that this item had been placed on the agenda because of persistent concerns about the speeding of traffic through Lindal and Marton. Whilst the use of SID, the Speed Indicator Device, was useful it was only available on selected occasions and for most of the time there was nothing to keep speeding vehicles in check. The use of speed humps in other local areas was noted but, whilst they appeared to slow down the traffic, it was apparent that there were negative issues such as additional noise and exhaust emissions from vehicles negotiating the humps as well as occasional damage to vehicles. It was AGREED that no further action be taken regarding speed humps but the Clerk would pursue the question of appropriate warning signs (similar to SID) being installed on a permanent basis.

74/16 Planning applications relating to the Parish

B18/2016/0522 agricultural building, Maidenlands Farm, Marton.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Howarth and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Kelly that the Council express “no comment” on this application. Carried unanimously.

75/16 Correspondence.

- a) Planning applications relating to the whole of the Borough. NOTED.
- b) Barrow Council minutes, 22.3.16 to 12.7.16. NOTED.
- c) Community Information and Safety. (including product recalls.)

None.

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

76/16 Finance.

- a) Account balances:- *Current - £50: Festivals - £1001.23: Reserve - £4715.37*
- b) The Clerk referred to the Annual Audit Return which had been assessed by the national auditors and had been returned to the Council without qualification. A formal resolution regarding the auditors’ comments (none) was required and accordingly, it was PROPOSED by Councillor Waite and SECONDED by Councillor Howarth that return of the completed document be CONFIRMED. Carried unanimously.

77/16 Any Other Business.

- a) Councillor Mrs Glover suggested that the Council should invest in a mini public-address system in order to assist those attending Council meetings, or any other function in the Buccleuch Hall, with what was being said. The Clerk undertook to pursue this, with a view to introducing estimates of costs at the next meeting.
- b) Councillor Waite referred to the on-going need to refurbish the Kiosk in Lindal and confirmed that he would arrange for him and the Clerk to meet the resident of Marton, who had painted the Marton Kiosk, with a view to establishing what might be required and costs etc., if he were to renovate the Lindal Kiosk.

- c) Councillor Mrs Kelly referred to an item in the local newspaper regarding Barrow's Local Plan which mentioned the possibility of additional houses in Lindal. The Clerk explained that this had been included in the first draft of Barrow's plan, previously circulated for comment in 2014, and was in connection with land to the east of London Road. The final draft would be circulated for further comment (including to the Council) in the coming months.
- d) *From the floor*, it was pointed out that a new building recently erected at Crooklands Garden Centre had taken up some of the Centre's off-road parking spaces which had the potential for causing more vehicles to be parked on the main road. The Clerk confirmed that he had not been advised of any planning application regarding this building but, whilst the site was just inside the Council's boundary, it was accepted that the impact of any such development would be felt by Dalton and its residents, with no action needed at this time by this Council.

NB Subsequent to the meeting it was established that, yet again, the planning application for the new building had gone to Dalton Town Council for comment instead of Lindal and Marton Parish Council.

78/16 Date and Time of next meeting.

The Date and Time of the next meeting was AGREED as Thursday, 1st September, 2016, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

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