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Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 3rd November 2016, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

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

Apologies:- Councillor R Lord; Mrs S Glover.

Also present: 6 members of the public were present.

In attendance:- County Councillor Barry Doughty
Apologies from PCSO Louise Johns.

90/16 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)

None.

91/16 Disclosure of interests. Requests for dispensations.

None.

92/16 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 1st September 2016

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 1st September 2016 were taken as read and APPROVED.

PROPOSED:- Councillor D Howarth: SECONDED:- Councillor Mrs Kelly.
Carried unanimously.

93/16 Matters arising from those minutes.

- a) 82/16 (b) Councillor Howarth asked whether there had been any progress with the Lindal Kiosk. It was confirmed that one sample glass pane had been renewed by the local resident concerned and that details regarding costs, time spent etc, were awaited. It was AGREED that the question of completing the work would be an agenda item for the December meeting. *NB see minute 101/16, below.*

- b) 88/16 (b) Councillor Howarth asked about the corners of the lane at Snipe Ghyll (and others) and whether the reasons for not using the widened corners had been ascertained. The Clerk reported that he had been unable to clarify this matter so far but that he would make further enquiries.
- c) The Clerk reported that Cumbria Highways was responsible for the Speed Indicator Device (SID) on Ireth hill but that it would shortly be irreparable and that it would not be replaced. Evidence suggested that such devices were not as effective as those which could be moved from place to place, as was used by the Barrow parishes, as it was thought that motorists became complacent with fixed devices. NOTED.

From the floor, a representative from the governing body of Lindal school, LAMPS, referred to discussions with Cumbria Highways regarding traffic and speeding issues affecting the school. In this context the Clerk reported that the portable SID had been recently placed on Pit Lane to record traffic details in the vicinity of the school, the data suggesting that the maximum speed recorded having been 55 mph, with the speed of the 85th percentile being 29.2 mph.

It was AGREED such speeds were unacceptable and that a reasonable development might be the installation of flashing lights to denote the whereabouts of the school and the Clerk undertook to pursue this.

94/16 Attendance of officer from Cumbria Constabulary.

Apologies were submitted from PCSO Johns, together with details of crimes etc, during October. There were no examples of criminal activity and one of anti-social behaviour, where alcohol had to be confiscated by a PCSO.

The Chairman, Councillor Waite, challenged PCSO John's report by reporting that he had been the subject of a burglary to his and his son-in-law's garages when several thousand pounds worth of tools had been stolen. The thieves had not been apprehended.

The Clerk undertook to raise the absence of this information with PCSO Johns.

95/16 Proposed concrete batching plant, Lindal.

No decision had yet been taken by SLDC on the planning application for a concrete batching plant at Lindal, the earliest that this could happen now being a meeting scheduled for 5th January, 2017.

However, Highways England has stated that its final recommendation (regarding the highways implications) has still not been decided upon, despite many of those objecting to the proposal having drawn Highways England's attention to its own A590 Route Management Plan which suggests that such developments would be inappropriate. (*see minute 84/16, September 2016*).

It was AGREED that anybody who was concerned about this proposal and who had not yet registered an objection, should be encouraged to do so as below:-

South Lakeland District Council

Planning reference 2016/0600

South Lakeland House

Lowther Street

Kendal LA9 4UF

Telephone 01539 733333

email development.management@southlakeland.gov.uk

96/16 National Grid, proposals re new transmission pylons

The Chairman and the Clerk referred to a meeting held in the Coronation Hall recently, when the National Grid gave further details about the proposals for new transmission arrangements, incorporating bigger pylons, together with tunnels, for the power to be generated by the proposed new atomic plant at Moorside (Sellafield).

Reference was made to the Grid's forthcoming briefing session for local residents which was scheduled for Saturday, 5th November, in the Buccleuch Hall, and it was AGREED that any further discussions regarding the Council's position on this matter, and whether the Grid's proposals should be resisted, or supported, should be deferred until the Council's December meeting. (Responses had to be submitted by 6th January, 2017)

97/16 Annual assessment: Standing Orders; Risk Management; Internal Audit.

The Clerk drew attention to the need for the Council to confirm that it was satisfied with its Standing Orders and its Risk Management Policy, together with the arrangements for appropriate financial control. He suggested that there had been nothing to warrant any change to either the Standing Orders or the Risk Management Policy and Councillor Howarth confirmed that he had discussed the Council's financial systems with the Internal Auditor, John Bentley, and that they were both satisfied with the current arrangements.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs Kelly and SECONDED by Councillor Waite that the existing arrangements be APPROVED. Carried unanimously.

98/16 Planning applications relating to the Parish

a) *B28/2016/0683 Removal of selected trees (subject to Tree Preservation Order) The Plantation, Lindal.* The Clerk referred to the planning documents scheduled for submission to Barrow's planning Committee on 8th November (*see minute 99/16 (a) below*) where it was noted that the planning officer was recommending approval of the application (as amended). It was then PROPOSED by Councillor Howarth and SECONDED by Councillor Waite that the planning officer's recommendation be NOTED. Carried unanimously.

b) *B21/2016/0668 Extension and porch, Cherry Tree Cottage, The Green, Lindal.* It was PROPOSED by Councillor Howarth and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Kelly that the Council express "no comment" on this proposal. Carried unanimously.

99/16 Correspondence.

a) Planning applications relating to the whole of the Borough. NOTED.

b) Community Information and Safety. (including product recalls.)

1 Electricity Northwest: new emergency telephone number for power failures. Dial 105 only.

2 Cumbria Fire and Rescue. "Check smoke alarms..." For a Home Safety Visit, ring 0800 358 4777

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

100/16 Finance.

- a) Account balances:- *Current* - £50: *Festivals* - £1001.40: *Reserve* - £4415.95.
- b) The Clerk reported that the Buccleuch Hall Management Committee had requested financial assistance in respect of the annual Senior Citizens' Christmas Party, the Council having granted £400 last year.
- c) The Clerk submitted a request from the Great North Air Ambulance for a donation towards their costs, as in previous years.
- d) Further to previous discussions regarding the purchase of a PA system for Council meetings (*see minute 87/16 (c) September 2016*) the Clerk submitted a quotation for a mains/battery-operated PA system, supplied by R and T music of Barrow, in the sum of £234, of which £39 would be reclaimable vat..

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs Glover and SECONDED by Councillor Howarth that this

- £400 be approved for the Senior Citizens' party
- £100 be approved for the Great North Air Ambulance.
- £234 be approved in respect of a PA system.

Carried unanimously.

101/16 Any Other Business.

- a) Reference was made to Remembrance Sunday (13th November) and it was AGREED that Councillor Howarth and the Clerk would attend the service at the Lindal War Memorial, with Councillor Waite attending Marton's.
- b) Councillor Waite undertook to pursue the question of a Christmas Tree for Marton park.
- c) Councillor Waite produced an invoice in relation to the materials used for the work carried out on the Lindal Kiosk (*see minute 93/16 (a), above*). It was PROPOSED by Councillor Waite and SECONDED by Councillor Howarth that, in view of the decision implicit in minute 77/16 (b), September 2016, whereby such work was approved, a cheque (£87.77) should be provide without further delay. Carried unanimously. (A fee regarding labour charges was yet to be decided).

102/16 Date and Time of next meeting.

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

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