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Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 1st December 2016, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

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

Also present: 1 member of the public was present.

In attendance:- Borough Councillor Mrs A Thurlow.
PCSO Louise Johns.
Apologies from County Councillor Barry Doughty

103/16 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)

None.

104/16 Disclosure of interests. Requests for dispensations.

None.

105/16 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 3rd November 2016

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

PROPOSED:- Councillor Howarth: SECONDED:- Councillor Waite.
Carried unanimously.

106/16 Matters arising from those minutes.

- a) 93/16 (a) Councillor Howarth enquired about the Kiosk in Lindal, the Clerk confirming that one small window pane had been replaced but that he still had to discuss the question of a complete refurbishment with the resident concerned.
- b) 93/16 (c) Councillor Howarth asked whether any information was forthcoming regarding warning lights for the school, LAMPS. The Clerk confirmed that he had received suggestions from Cumbria Highways involving the provision of warning lights, indicating a 20 mph warning, together with the use of more “keep clear”

signage outside the school. It was AGREED that the Clerk would liaise with the school to determine their preferences, with the Parish Council continuing to keep a close eye on developments to ensure that Cumbria Highways completed any improvements with the minimum of delay.

- c) The Clerk also referred to minute 27/16 (a) from the meeting in April 2016, which was in connection with footpath 602022 as it passed through the car-park of the Candle Factory. The owners of the factory had applied to have this section of footpath “extinguished”, pointing out that there was a suitable alternative to the adjacent roadway, However, there had been objections to the proposal, leading to the matter being referred to the Planning Inspectorate for a decision. The Inspectorate had decided in favour of the objectors and as a consequence, the section of footpath has to remain untouched. (NB A copy of the Inspectorate’s decision is available on request)

107/16 Attendance of officer from Cumbria Constabulary.

PCSO Johns reported that there had been one theft in November, from the motor-breaker’s yard.

108/16 Proposed concrete batching plant, Lindal.

There was no further information regarding the progress of this planning application but it was emphasised that, because no decision had been taken, if there were any members of the public who still had not officially commented on the proposal, or if they wished to make further comments, there was still the opportunity to do so, by contacting

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10916 National Grid, proposals re new transmission pylons

Discussions had taken place at the last meeting (3rd November) on the subject of National Grid’s proposals regarding its plans for a new transmission network but, because a public meeting, hosted by National Grid, was to be held in the Buccleuch Hall on 5th November, a final decision as to the Council’s stance on this matter had been deferred to give the general public the opportunity to learn more about the plans.

A further discussion took place, covering the merits or otherwise of National Grid’s proposals and it was then:-

- 1) PROPOSED by Councillor Waite and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Glover that the Council declare its opposition to the current plans as put forward by the Grid. The requirement for replacement, much bigger, pylons was unacceptable and transmission cables should be buried underground for their entirety.
- 2) PROPOSED by Councillor Howarth and SECONDED by Councillor Lord that the Council declare its acceptance of National Grid’s proposals for overhead pylons.

There were two votes in favour of proposal no.1 and two votes against, with one abstention.

There were two votes in favour of proposal no.2 and two votes against, with one abstention.

The Chairman used his casting vote in favour of proposal no 1 which was duly CARRIED.

110/16 Energy4All (Baywind), Snipe Ghyll Corner.

The Clerk reported on discussions with Energy4All, the wind turbine organisation responsible for the alterations to the corner of the lane at the foot of Snipe Ghyll (plus two other sites). It would appear that the reason why the corners had not been incorporated into the highway was because Cumbria Highways was reluctant to adopt them insofar as future maintenance and other responsibilities were concerned.

However, during the discussions it became apparent that Energy4All would be sympathetic to any request for items such as seating at the Snipe Ghyll corner, given that the area was still grassed. (gates had already been incorporated into the perimeter fencing as an aid to the Keswick./Barrow Walk officials who would officiate from that site.)

After discussions *including the floor* it was AGREED that the Clerk would approach Energy4All with a request that consideration be given to the provision of a bench seat, perhaps one or two planters, together with a suitable waste bin.

111/16 Residential Care Homes, Barrow.

The Clerk introduced correspondence from Cumbria County Council regarding its plans for its residential care homes, whereby views were being sought as to the future provision of facilities for the elderly. In particular, views were sought regarding the future of Combe House, a care home situated on Walney Island, whose existing residents could be moving to the newly-built Park View Gardens in Barrow, or the refurbished Elmhurst in Ulverston.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Glover that the County Council be advised that, whilst the move towards more care-of-the-elderly in the community was both understood and to be encouraged – so far as this was practical – it was inevitable that the increase in the elderly population generally would create additional demands for residential care ie., beds in care homes. The Parish Council would not, therefore, be in favour of any suggestion that Combe House could be dispensed with.

112/16 Lowfield Bridge (“Lindal Dip”). Highway improvements.

Reference was made to the proposed improvements to the A590 at Lowfield Bridge, Lindal, to combat the regular, and severe, flooding in that area. The carriageway was to be raised around two metres and moved around seven metres in a northerly direction.

The work would take around four months but it was hoped that, other than occasions when a) traffic-light-controlled single-line traffic would be needed and b) complete overnight closure was required (see below), two-way traffic would be maintained, albeit that this would involve the use of narrow lanes.

Complete overnight closure:-

8.00pm Monday, 12th December 2016 to 6.00am Tuesday, 13th December 2016;
8.00pm Tuesday, 13th December 2016 to 6.00am Wednesday, 14th December 2016;

8.00pm Tuesday, 14th March 2017 to 6.00am, Wednesday, 15th March 2017;
8.00pm Wednesday, 15th March, 2017 to 6.00am, Thursday, 16th March, 2017.

113/16 Planning applications relating to the Parish

BJ/B18/2016/0633 Replacement of wind turbine blades, Lindal Cote Farm.

It was understood that this application was to replace the existing, broken, turbine blades with those which were smaller than the originals. It was PROPOSED by Councillor Howarth and SECONDED by Councillor Lord that the Council express “no comment” on this application. Carried unanimously.

114/16 Correspondence.

- a) Planning applications relating to the whole of the Borough. NOTED.
- b) Community Information and Safety. (including product recalls.)
(*All such notices are displayed on the Lindal notice board.*)

115/16 Finance.

- a) Account balances:- *Current* - £50: *Festivals* - £1001.44: *Reserve* - £3594.37.
- b) The Clerk submitted invoices as follows:-
 - £34 re the British Legion wreaths (Remembrance Sunday)
 - £48 re the Clerk’s membership of the Society of Local Council Clerks.
 - £60 re Marton Park’s Christmas tree. NB to be paid via the Clerk’s petty cash, totalling £87.29.It was PROPOSED by Councillor Howarth and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Glover that cheques in respect of the above, ie., £34; £48 and £87.29 be approved for payment. Carried unanimously.

116/16 Any Other Business.

None.

117/16 Date and Time of next meeting.

The Date and Time of the next meeting was AGREED as Thursday 5th January, 2017, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

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