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Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 5th January 2017, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

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

Apologies:- Councillors D Howarth; Mrs S Kelly.

Also present: 2 members of the public were present.

In attendance:-

PCSO Louise Johns.

Apologies from Borough Councillor Mrs A Thurlow.

1/17 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)

None.

2/17 Disclosure of interests. Requests for dispensations.

None.

3/17 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 1st December 2016

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

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

4/17 Matters arising from those minutes.

- a) 106/16 (a) Councillor Lord asked about the refurbishment of the Lindal kiosk: the Clerk indicated that this was still an outstanding matter.
- b) 106/16 (b) The Clerk confirmed that Cumbria Highways intended to provide flashing light signs outside LAMPS to advise drivers to slow down to 20 mph: unfortunately,

the regulations did not provide for the speed limit to be 10 mph. The “keep clear” markings would also be renewed in the same places.

5/17 Attendance of officer from Cumbria Constabulary.

There had been no instances of recorded crime or anti-social behaviour in December .

6/17 Proposed concrete batching plant, Lindal.

The latest information regarding the concrete plant was that Highways England was still in discussions with the developer regarding both the entrance off the A590 into the site and also the impact which this would have on the on-going scheme to alleviate the flooding at Lowfield Bridge, The “Holding Direction” (to advise SLDC to defer a decision on the application) imposed by Highways England had been extended to 20th February 2017.

The Clerk also reported on various rumours prevalent in the community about the progress of this application, ranging from

- a) the application being withdrawn; (incorrect)
- b) the design of the plant being radically re-drawn; (SLDC currently awaiting new drawings)
- c) the applicant making a financial contribution to the drainage relief scheme at Lowfield bridge; (incorrect)
- d) and the applicant planning to transfer the whole of his operations to the site of the proposed concrete plant from the current site near Kendal; (unsubstantiated)

Concerns were expressed about item (d) because if the overall expenditure incurred by the applicant in submitting the application, purchasing the land and constructing the plant, amounted to more than the anticipated revenue from the operation, it could mean that expanding the use of the site would be the only way to make the proposal financially viable. This could be done by concentrating the applicant’s operations at Lindal and/or the balance of the land not required for the concrete plant being used as an industrial estate. Most importantly, this latter consideration had been mooted by the applicant during pre-application discussions with SLDC in February 2014. (SLDC web-site, application 2016/0600 refers).

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Glover that a further representation be made to SLDC objecting to the application on the grounds that, once approved, it would simply be the pre-cursor to further applications for additional industrial use on that site. Carried unanimously.

It was also 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

South Lakeland District Council
Planning reference 2016/0600
South Lakeland House
Lowther Street
Kendal LA9 4UF email development.management@southlakeland.gov.uk
Telephone 01539 733333

7/17 Energy4All (Baywind), Snipe Ghyll Corner.

The Clerk confirmed that Energy4all (Baywind) had reaffirmed its willingness to provide a bench seat and other minor associated items, on the grassed area on the corner of the Snipe Ghyll lane and recommendations were now required from the Council regarding what might be suitable. During discussions *involving the floor* various thoughts were expressed, including planting the land with wild flowers, or plants; a table and bench set; trees; a waste bin; planters; and an architectural/industrial artefact associated with the mining industry eg., a disused pit bogie.

It was pointed out that any development would have to take account of the need for free passage across the land in the event that items such as wind turbines had to be moved around that corner.

It was AGREED that the Clerk would discuss with Barrow Council's parks department the various options which might be possible regarding flowers etc and that the resident who was present would consult further with her neighbours as to what would be preferred.

8/17 Planning applications relating to the Parish

None at the time the Agenda was printed.

9/17 Correspondence.

- a) Planning applications relating to the whole of the Borough. NOTED.
- b) ACT Gazette (newsletter). NOTED.
- c) Community Information and Safety. (including product recalls.)
Bogus "Notice of intended prosecution" – supposedly from the Police.
(*All such notices are displayed on the Lindal notice board.*)

10/17 Finance.

- a) Account balances:- *Current* - £50: *Festivals* - £1001.46: *Reserve* - £3459.15.
- b) The Clerk submitted a summary of the Council's expenditure to date, with details of anticipated expenditure to 31st March 2017, together with proposals for the 2017/2018 budget (previously circulated to councillors). The current year's budget (2016/17) had required a precept of £3,600 but the suggested budget for the following year would only require £3,000.

It was pointed out that Barrow Council would be providing a Grant towards this amount of £153.28 meaning that the true precept, ie the amount added to the council tax payers of the Parish, would be £2846.72. This would amount to £11.13 for a band D property for the year.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Glover that the amount of precept to be requested should be £2,846.72 which, together with Barrow Council's Grant, would amount to a total of £3,000 as the amount to be made available for the Council.

Carried unanimously.

- c) The Clerk tabled invoices regarding maintenance expenditure incurred by St Peter's Church, relating to organ repairs and boiler servicing, totalling £349. It was pointed out

that the Council had included a sum of £350 in the current year's budget as its normal annual grant towards the Church and it was, therefore, appropriate that such expenditure be reimbursed without further ado. It was then PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Waite that the full budgeted sum, of £350, be made available for the Church. Carried unanimously.

11/17 Any Other Business.

None.

12/17 Date and Time of next meeting.

The Date and Time of the next meeting was AGREED as Thursday 2nd February 2017, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

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