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Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 6th April 2017, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

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

Also present: 3 members of the public were present.

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

37/17 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)

The Clerk reported that the following items had been received too late for the Agenda but recommended that they be considered under the appropriate Agenda heading:-

- a) Planning application B18/2017/0158, erection of additional chicken-housing building, together with associated infrastructure, Maidenlands Farm, Marton.
- b) Request for a donation, the British Red Cross.

The Chairman confirmed that they could be considered under Agenda items 9 and 11 respectively.

38/17 Disclosure of interests. Requests for dispensations.

None.

39/17 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 2nd March, 2017

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 2nd March 2017, were taken as read and APPROVED.

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

40/17 Matters arising from those minutes.

35/17 Councillor Lord enquired as to the situation regarding Broken Bridge, and also the traffic-calming measures outside Lindal School, LAMPS.

From the floor, County Councillor Doughty assured the Parish Council that the problems regarding flooding at Broken Bridge were being pursued and that it had already been established that there was a blocked culvert requiring attention. He had discussed the matter on site with Cumbria Highways officials and would continue to press for remedial action.

Insofar as the School's problems were concerned, the flashing lights had been purchased and he was hopeful that work would commence regarding all the improvements very shortly.

41/17 Attendance of officer from Cumbria Constabulary.

PCSO Johns reported that there had been one theft reported in March, involving the loss of wheel-trims from a vehicle in Lindal.

The Speed Indicator Device, SID, had recently been used at the bottom of Snipe Ghyll and had detected two vehicles travelling at around 50 mph, although the 80% percentile was only 29.8 mph. The figures were, perhaps, not indicative of normal usage because of the numbers of motorists using the village lanes as a diversion to avoid the roadworks on the A590.

42/17 Proposed concrete batching plant, Lindal.

The time-scale within which SLDC had to determine the above planning application remained as ending on 30th April, 2017. It was likely that the planning officer's recommendation would be submitted to SLDC's planning committee for a decision at the meeting scheduled for Thursday, 27th April 2017.

43/17 Energy4All (Baywind), Snipe Ghyll Corner.

Details had been received regarding the custom-made planter, in the form of an iron-ore bogie, with the estimated cost being £650. This had been approved by Energy4all and the local joiner had been advised that he could proceed with manufacture. It was also confirmed that a local resident had offered to donate a hand-made bench set for use at Snipe Ghyll .

It was AGREED that the Chairman and the Clerk would assess progress with the joiner and that a 10% deposit cheque would be appropriate and at the same time the donation of the bench could be discussed with the resident concerned.

44/17 Planning applications relating to the Parish

a) *B21/2017/0167: detached garage, The Old Chapel, Lindal.*

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

b) *B21/2017/0158. Erection of additional chicken-housing building, together with associated infrastructure, Maidenlands Farm, Marton.* (minute 37/17, above, refers)

This application, received too late for the Agenda, involved the erection of an additional building to house 16,000 chickens, as part of an egg-producing facility. Maidenlands Farm was already producing eggs using a similar-sized facility, the proposed new building effectively doubling the farm’s output. The original development followed a planning application which had been considered, and rejected, by the Parish Council in 2010, (*minute 77/10 (a), June 2010*) on the grounds that it would be “detrimental to the health and well-being of the local residents.....” but the application had been withdrawn by the applicant before Barrow Borough Council could formally consider it.

An amended application was considered by the Parish Council in November 2010 (*minute 131/10*) when the Parish Council again registered its objections to the proposal.

Both of the Parish Council meetings, in June and November, 2010, were well attended by local residents who were unanimous in their concerns and objections to the planned development.

Barrow Borough Council formally rejected the amended application but this was overturned on appeal in 2011.

This latest application had only just been publicised and consequently, few residents would be aware of what was being proposed and it might be considered unreasonable, therefore, if the Parish Council were to make any judgement on the application if such residents had not been given the opportunity to voice their opinion.

On the other hand, it would seem as if the original fears of the community regarding the adverse effects of the chicken farm, as expressed at the original meetings, were largely unfounded, with the Chairman suggesting that the farm’s existence went unnoticed, although, *from the floor*, it was said that there were still occasions when odours were apparent.

It was then PROPOSED by Councillor Howarth and SECONDED by Councillor Lord that the council defer its decision until either:-

- Feedback from local residents during the next 2 – 3 weeks suggested that there was enough concern about the proposal to warrant the calling of a special meeting to discuss the matter, or
- Feedback was such as to suggest that there was little, if any, opposition to the proposal and that the matter could be deferred until the next routine meeting, on 4th May, 2017, the Council then being minded to propose “no comment”

Carried unanimously.

45/17 Correspondence.

- a) Planning applications relating to the whole of the Borough. NOTED.
- b) Barrow Council minutes, 12/1/17 to 9/3/17. NOTED.
- c) ACT Gazette. NOTED.
- d) Community Information and Safety. (including product recalls.)
There were no items to consider.
(*All such notices are displayed on the Lindal notice board.*)

46/17 Finance.

- a) Account balances:- *Current - £50: Festivals - £1001.50: Reserve - £2452.27.*
- b) The Clerk requested a) payment of a deposit cheque of £65 in respect of the item referred to in minute 43/17 above and b) reimbursement of £47.49 in respect of 50% of the cost of a new printer.
- c) A request had been received from the British Red Cross for a donation towards their funds (minute 37/17, above, refers). An amount of £50 had been agreed in April 2016 and the Clerk recommended that this be repeated.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Glover that the amounts in (b) be duly confirmed and that a donation of £50 be made to the Red Cross. Carried unanimously.

47/17 Any Other Business.

- a) Councillor Howarth reported that a manhole cover, in the road from St Peter's Church to Primrose Cottages, on the junction with the road to Melton Terrace, appeared to have sunk below the adjacent road level and constituted a hazard for motorists. The Clerk undertook to report this.
- b) Councillor Mrs Kelly asked whether anything further had been heard regarding the clearance of land behind East View which had been the subject of a Stop Order by SLDC. The Clerk confirmed that nothing had been submitted by the landowner to SLDC to indicate his intentions regarding the land.
- c) *From the floor*, County Councillor Doughty reported that, during discussions with Cumbria highways officials, he had been advised that some street lights on the A590 were in need of synchronisation regarding the on/off timings. He also commented on recent problems with traffic approaching the Safari Zoo at busy periods and confirmed that Highways England intended to monitor the situation.
- d) The Chairman referred to a request for funding for plants for the two planters sited on the road entrances to Marton. It was agreed that he would discuss the matter further with the resident concerned.

48/17 Date and Time of next meeting.

The Date and Time of the next meeting, which would be the Annual General Meeting, was AGREED as Thursday 6th April 2017, at 7.30 pm in **St Peter's Church, Lindal**, the Buccleuch Hall, being required for the County Council elections..

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