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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday, 4th May 2017, at 7.30 pm in St Peter's Church, Lindal.

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

Also present: 12 members of the public were present.

In attendance:-

PCSO Louise Johns.
Mr Phil Rustin, "Connecting Cumbria".
Apologies from County Councillor Barry Doughty and
District Councillor Ann Thurlow.

49/17 Election of Chairman.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Glover that Councillor Waite be Chairman for the coming year. Carried unanimously.

50/17 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)

None.

51/17 Disclosure of interests. Requests for dispensations.

None.

52/17 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 6th April, 2017

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 6th April 2017, were taken as read and APPROVED.

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

53/17 Matters arising from those minutes.

- a) 47/17 (a) Councillor Lord asked whether the sunken man-hole cover had been reported with the Clerk confirming that this had been passed on to the utility company involved.
- b) 47/17 (d) Councillor Lord asked if there had been any progress regarding the request for financial assistance for the planters at Marton. Further discussion, involving *the floor* confirmed that there were at least six planters which would benefit by the provision of bulbs etc and it was, therefore, PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Glover that expenditure up to the value of £70 be approved. Carried unanimously.
- c) 40/17 Councillor Howarth queried the position of one of the new “slow” signs which had been painted on the road leading up to Lindal school as part of the traffic-calming measures and which appeared to be the wrong way round. The Clerk reported that this had been discussed with County Highways who would be investigating.

54/17 Attendance of officer from Cumbria Constabulary.

PCSO Johns reported that there had only been one incident in April, of anti-social behaviour, with nothing further brought to the attention of the Police.

55/17 Proposed concrete batching plant, Lindal.

The time-scale within which SLDC had to determine the above planning application ended on 30th April, 2017 without any indication as to the outcome, although Highways England had issued its opinion regarding the trunk road implications in that there would be no objection to the development. SLDC had also suggested that the application would not be submitted to the planning committee meeting scheduled for 27th April even though nothing had been seen to indicate that the applicant had agreed to any extension of the time-scale.

There was still the possibility that the planning officers would use delegated powers to reject the application without it going to the planning committee for a decision.

56/17 Superfast broadband, information from Cumbria County Council.

The Clerk introduced Mr Phil Ruston, from “Connecting Cumbria”, to discuss superfast broadband connections. His organisation (which included Cumbria County Council) was concerned with promoting “the digital age” throughout Cumbria so that everybody was aware of the benefits to be derived from being able to get the best use out of computers, mobile phones and the internet.

He was involved in arranging meetings/workshops across Cumbria so that anyone with questions could be advised as to how they might improve their knowledge and skills in this subject although he emphasised that such sessions were not about computers themselves. It was then PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs Glover and SECONDED by Councillor Lord that the Council accept the offer to participate in such meetings/workshops and that a suitable date in September be arranged . Carried unanimously.

57/17 Planning applications relating to the Parish

- a) *B21/2017/0158. Erection of additional chicken-housing building, together with associated infrastructure, Maidenlands Farm, Marton.*

The Clerk referred to minute 44/17 of April 2017 when the application for the additional chicken facilities was first discussed and when it was agreed that consideration of the matter be deferred until the May meeting. This was to enable local residents to acquaint themselves with the details, and to make representations to the Council if they were so minded.

From the floor, it was then suggested that there were problems with offensive odours coming from the existing facilities. It was said that the site of the proposed chicken house was nearer to Marton village than the current building and that the prevailing wind would create even more problems regarding odours. Any further development should be resisted but if it were to be approved, the site of any additional building should be further away from residences.

It was pointed out that nobody had approached the Parish Council in the five years the chicken farm had been operating to discuss any problems and there had been no approach regarding the proposed new development since it had been publicised in April. Similarly, only two members of the audience indicated that they had any concerns although it was accepted that the notification process by Barrow Council left much to be desired, with many residents perhaps unaware of the proposal.

However, the Council recognised that offensive odours were affecting some local residents and it was, therefore, PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Howarth that the Parish Council be minded to decline to support the application on the grounds that the site of the proposed new building would have the potential to create more offensive odours for residents of Marton village.

In addition, should any revised development be approved, a condition should be attached requiring vehicles involved in construction to avoid using Marton village as an approach to the site in order to avoid unnecessary nuisance in the village,

Carried unanimously.

58/17 Correspondence.

- a) Planning applications relating to the whole of the Borough. NOTED..
b) Community Information and Safety. (including product recalls.)
There were no items to consider.
(*All such notices are displayed on the Lindal notice board.*)

59/17 Finance.

- a) Account balances:- *Current* - £50: *Festivals* - £1001.50: *Reserve* - £5339.77.
b) 1 Renewal of Council insurance; £175.43.
2 Renewal of membership, CALC, the Cumbria association of Local Councils, £180.54. (Invoice received too late for the Agenda)
3 Payment to Church for use of premises, £20. (normal payment to Buccleuch Hall).

- 4 The Chairman submitted invoices relating to work carried out by the Marton resident on the Lindal kiosk, £171.84, this being a budgeted item.

It was then PROPOSED by Councillor Howarth and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Kelly that the items included in (b) above be approved for payment. Carried unanimously.

c) Annual Audit.

1. Annual Governance Statement, 2016/17. It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Howarth that the Annual Governance Statement be APPROVED. Carried unanimously.
2. Accounting Statements 2016/17. It was PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs Glover and SECONDED by Councillor Lord that the Accounting Statements be certified. Carried unanimously.

60/17 Any Other Business.

From the floor, it was pointed out that the solar-powered slow-down sign on the road leading into Marton (from the Roundhills side) needed attention. The Clerk commented on the fact that this had been donated by a contractor working in the vicinity some years ago and that Cumbria Highways might not accept any responsibility. Nevertheless, he would report the matter.

61/17 Date and Time of next meeting.

The Date and Time of the next meeting was AGREED as Thursday 1st June 2017, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall.

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