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

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

Apologies:- Councillor D Howarth

Also present: 3 members of the public were present.

In attendance:- PCSO Louise Johns

74/17 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 on the last-minute notification of a retrospective planning application in respect of Crooklands Garden Centre, Dalton: the Chairman confirmed that this could be considered under item 10, Planning Applications relating to the Parish.

75/17 Disclosure of interests. Requests for dispensations.

None.

76/17 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 1st June, 2017

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 1st June 2017, were taken as read and APPROVED.

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

77/17 Matters arising from those minutes.

- a) 65/17 (a) Councillor Waite pointed out that, not only had the defective solar-powered sign at Roundhills been removed, another two similar signs had been removed from other entrances to the village, despite these being in full working order. The Clerk undertook to investigate.

- b) 72/17 (b) Councillor Mrs Kelly indicated that she had received further complaints about the footpath at the top of Melton Terrace: the Clerk confirmed that this had been referred to Cumbria Highways.
- c) 72/17 (d) Councillor Mrs Kelly referred to the anonymous letters and the references to untidiness issues, suggesting that there was still confusion over who had responsibility for oversight of the park/playing field opposite LAMPS school. The Clerk confirmed that he had been assured by Barrow Council that, whilst it had ownership and responsibility for the playground equipment, and for the emptying of the rubbish bin, the field itself was owned by Cumbria County Council.
- The Clerk also reported that the School had assured him that the repairs to the wall/gate at the entrance to the park would be carried out very soon: however, he understood that there was a belief in certain quarters within CCC that the land was owned by the Parish Council, rather than Barrow Council, and he had again advised that this was not the case, ownership of the land being vested in CCC.
- (d) 72/17 (c) Councillor Mrs Kelly reported that an application had been submitted to the Billingcoat Charity for financial assistance towards the ladies cricket team and that a decision was awaited.

78/17 Attendance of officer from Cumbria Constabulary.

PCSO Johns confirmed that there were no issues to report.

79/17 Proposed concrete batching plant, Lindal.

The Clerk confirmed that South Lakeland District Council had finally determined the outcome of the planning application in respect of a proposed concrete batching plant for the old railway sidings on the outskirts of Lindal village. After some twelve months or so of deliberations, SLDC had concluded that the application should be refused on the grounds that,

- it contravened the Local Plan, whereby the land in question was classified as greenfield, with inadequate reasons submitted as to why such classification could be ignored;
- there was doubt and uncertainty regarding the proposed levels of production when taking into account the maximum potential of the plant, meaning that the true impact on the local community had probably been underestimated;
- The industrialisation of the site, irrespective of production levels, would have a detrimental impact on the visual character of the locality.

However, it would appear that the applicant had been made aware of SLDC's intention to refuse the application before it had been formally announced and, as a consequence, the application had been withdrawn. The applicant was now at liberty to submit a further application, taking into account all the reasons why the first one had been rejected. Whilst this was a successful outcome for the community, only time would tell as to whether the applicant would submit anything further.

NB The full details regarding the reasons for refusal can be found on SLDC's website, reference 2016/0600.

80/17 Household Emergency Planning.

The Clerk tabled documents from Voluntary Action Cumbria relating to the need for households across Cumbria to be prepared for any emergency which might occur, such as flooding, fire etc. To that end, a leaflet had been produced which set out suggestions about being prepared for emergencies and these could be supplied in sufficient numbers to cover all the parish's households. It had been established that these could be distributed with "Aspects" and it was, therefore, agreed that the offer to supply them be accepted.

81/17 Guide Dogs for the Blind. Appeal for voluntary helpers.

The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association incorporates a subsidiary activity, this being the provision of volunteer helpers to assist those with a visual impairment to "get out and about". Accordingly, volunteers are requested to assist the organisation in this work and those who might be interested should contact 0345 143 0220. Information to this effect will be placed in the notice boards.

82/17 Planning applications relating to the Parish

B10/2017/0312 Retrospective permission for additional building, part change-of-use and alterations to car-parking arrangements.

The Clerk reminded the Council that the Garden Centre had been the subject of criticism by Barrow Borough Council for developments which were unauthorised, with that Council intent on issuing a demolition order regarding unauthorised buildings. This retrospective application had been submitted in an attempt to regularise the situation and to seek planning permission for both the buildings in question as well as the type of goods being sold. In addition, permission for additional car parking spaces was being sought.

It was noted that the site of the Garden Centre, whilst being within the Parish Council's area of responsibility, was next to the boundary with Dalton Town Council and was, to all intents and purposes, part of Dalton. It was also noted that the application made reference to the trading arrangements within Dalton and how these would interact with the Garden Centre. In addition, the application proposed additional car-parking spaces on-site which would obviate the need for vehicles to park on the main road, an issue which had been brought to the Parish Council's attention recently.

It was then PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Waite that, bearing in mind that Dalton Town Council had also been asked to comment, Lindal and Marton Parish Council makes "no comment" on this application. Carried unanimously.

83/17 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.)

84/17 Finance.

- a) Account balances:- *Current* - £50: *Festivals* - £1001.513: *Reserve* - £4157.08.
- b) The Clerk referred to the arrangements whereby a token fee of £10 per quarter was paid to local residents who looked after the information kiosks in Lindal and Marton: this had been overlooked in respect of the Marton kiosk for the last five quarters and consequently that resident was due £50. In addition, it was pointed out that the same resident was in the process of refurbishing the Lindal kiosk: this had not been looked after for several years and needed to be stripped out completely before refurbishment could begin.
It was, therefore, PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Glover that the resident in question, Mr Dowdall, be paid £50 in respect of the Marton Kiosk and £50 in respect of the preparatory work in connection with the Lindal Kiosk, ie, £100. Carried unanimously.
- c) Correspondence was submitted from the Buccleuch Hall Management Committee requesting financial assistance towards the costs involved in the Hall's refurbishment, in particular, the replacement of sub-standard windows at the front of the Hall. The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council's funds would allow for a donation and it was, therefore, PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Kelly that the sum of £500 be granted. Carried unanimously.
- d) Further to minute 77/17 (b), June 2017, the Clerk confirmed Energy4all had now reimbursed the Council with the full cost of the bogie/planter, £650. In addition, a further £350 had been received from Energy4all, ie., £1,000 in total, to enable appropriate planting of bulbs etc to take place. It was AGREED that the Clerk would convey to Energy4all the Council's thanks for such a generous gesture.

85/17 Any Other Business.

- a) Councillor Waite referred to queries he had received regarding the flooding issues at Broken Bridge and the assurances which had been made on numerous occasions by Highways officials that remedial action would be taken. The Clerk undertook to raise this yet again with Highways.
- b) *From the floor* there came a query as to whether there had been any further developments with the land to the east of East View in Lindal, next to the site of the proposed concrete plant. The Clerk confirmed that nothing had happened and that local residents were keeping a close eye on matters.

86/17 Date and Time of next meeting.

The Date and Time of the next meeting was AGREED as Thursday 3rd August 2017, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall.

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