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Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 2nd November 2017, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

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

Also present: 4 members of the public were present.

In attendance:- Borough Councillor Anne Thurlow; PCSO John McVeigh; PCSO Elaine Truckell

108/17 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)

None.

109/17 Disclosure of interests. Requests for dispensations.

None.

110/17 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 7th September, 2017

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 7th September, were taken as read and APPROVED. NB There was no meeting in October.

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

111/17 Matters arising from those minutes.

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- a) 102/17 Councillor Mrs Kelly asked what progress had been made regarding the flooding problems at Broken Bridge and it was confirmed that there had been a partial improvement on the side of the road where a new soakaway had been constructed. Councillor Mrs Kelly also confirmed that the dangerously-leaning tree had been removed from Lindal village green.

112/17 Attendance of officer from Cumbria Constabulary

PCSO McVeigh indicated that there were some inaccuracies in the crime statistics previously supplied by email for September and October and that he would forward amended details as soon as possible. (details received subsequently – Anti-Social behaviour, 2: assault, 1.)

113/17 Royal Air Force centenary, 1st April 2018

The Clerk reported that the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the Royal Air Force (the successor body to the Royal Flying Corps and the Royal Naval Air Service) would occur on 1st April 2018 and that the RAF was looking for ways in which local councils might wish to commemorate this event, one idea being to create flower beds incorporating the RAF's colours of Red, White and Blue.

It was AGREED that the matter be deferred until the next meeting and that the Clerk also forward the correspondence to the school, LAMPS, for their consideration.

114/17 Planning applications relating to the Parish

- a) *B18/2017/0542 Proposed kiosk, Poaka Beck Water Treatment Works, Marton.* It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Waite that the Parish Council express “no comment” on this application. Carried unanimously.
- b) *B21/2017/0649 Side extension, Fair View, Pennington Lane, Lindal.* It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Howarth that the Parish Council express “no comment” on this application. Carried unanimously.
- c) *B18/2017/0158(re-submission). Chicken house, Maidenlands Farm, Marton.* The Clerk confirmed that this application was to replace the application considered by the Parish Council in May 2017 which was to double the current facility housing 16,000 chickens by means of a second building housing a further 16,000 birds. The Parish Council had decided that it could not be supported because local residents suffered from offensive odours from the existing building and the likelihood was that the nuisance would be doubled if the facilities were doubled. In the event, the applicant withdrew his application before it could be considered by Barrow's planning committee (in August, 2017) after it became apparent that the planning department was recommending that the application be rejected.

The latest application incorporated re-siting the additional building so that it was closer to the existing chicken shed, with trees to be planted to act as barrier against odours from both buildings, the applicant's agent submitting information suggesting that odours would be within permitted limits.

During extensive discussions, *involving the floor*, reference was made once more to Barrow Council's failure to ensure that all interested parties were notified of the application: details shown on Barrow's website, under “consultees”, merely had the entry “neighbour consultation”, repeated 18 times, which gave no indication as to which local residents had been made aware of the proposal. *From the floor*, local residents confirmed that, as with the original application, they were unaware of the matter until receiving the Parish Council's agenda for the current meeting. *From the floor* Borough Councillor Thurlow undertook to raise this with Barrow Council.

However, in assessing the revised proposal it was considered that moving the proposed building closer to the existing building would make no difference in that odours emanating from the site as a whole would simply be twice as prevalent as they were under the existing arrangements: any attempt to screen the site with trees etc would take years for these to become mature and there would be no guarantee that they would be a wind and odour-proof barrier.

It was also noted that the planning department's reasons for recommending refusal of the original submission were based on the following matters, excluding any issues relating to odours:-

- “The development would result in the erection of a substantial building of industrial proportions and appearance in a rural location.....”
- “....the development has the potential to cause substantial harmby reason of water run-off from the roaming area entering the water environment of Poaka Beck (which) drains into Cavendish Dock, which is designated as a SSSI...” (Site of Special Scientific Interest)
- “The perceived economic benefits arising from the development do not outweigh the adverse impact upon the landscape and the potential adverse impacts upon the natural environment.....”

Reference was also made to the use of HGVs in servicing the existing facility, such vehicles being a nuisance in the narrow confines of Marton village: any doubling of the use of such vehicles would clearly double the nuisance. Should the development be approved, consideration should be given to the control of such HGVs.

It was then **PROPOSED** by Councillor Lord and **SECONDED** by Councillor Howarth that the Parish Council reiterate its objection to the application based on:-

- a) The apparent inability of the applicant to control the emissions of offensive odours from the existing facility, with the potential for this to be made worse by a doubling of the chicken population.
- b) The further despoiling of the countryside by the erection of another industrial building.
- c) The potential for increasing the contamination of water which flows into Cavendish Dock, an area of SSSI
- d) Any economic benefits from the development would not outweigh the adverse impacts on the landscape and environment.

Carried unanimously.

115/17 Correspondence.

- a) Planning applications relating to the whole of the Borough. The Clerk reported that it would be the last time that paper documents relating to such planning applications would be available as Barrow Council would in future be circulating such information on-line. He would forward the material to Councillors as and when it was received. NOTED.
- b) Barrow Council minutes, 18/7/17 to 3/10/17. NOTED.

- c) War Memorials, Lindal and Marton. (see minute 103/17, September 2017). English Heritage had now confirmed that the two War Memorials should be considered Listed Buildings. NOTED.
- d) North West Air Ambulance. An event to be held at Grange-over-Sands, on 9th November, in order to thank all those who contribute to the funding of the Air Ambulance was NOTED.
- e) Community Information and Safety. (including product recalls.) None to report.
(*All such notices are displayed on the Lindal notice board.*)

116/17 Finance.

- a) Account balances:- *Current* - £50: *Festivals* - £1001.56: *Reserve* - £4178.19.
- b) The Clerk submitted requests for donations :- the Great North Air Ambulance (NB, NOT the Air Ambulance as referred to in 115/17 (d) above); the parish magazine, “Aspects” ; Senior Citizens’ Christmas Party. In addition, an invoice for £34 in relation to the Remembrance Service wreaths was submitted.
It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Glover that the following amounts be authorised:-
 - £100 for the Great North Air Ambulance;
 - £400 for “Aspects”
 - £400 for the Senior Citizens’ Party.
 - £34 for the wreaths.
 . Carried unanimously.

117/17 Any Other Business.

- a) Councillor Howarth reported that a few Highways items had been brought to his notice, viz., water flowing into a garden on School Terrace due to a drain being covered during road-works: a broken sign-post on School Terrace; the “SLOW” sign at the foot of Pit Lane being painted on the roadway facing down the hill instead of up. *From the floor* Borough Councillor Thurlow undertook to raise these matters with Councillor Ben Shirley, Barry Doughty’s successor on the County Council.
- b) Councillor Mrs Glover confirmed that the Remembrance Sunday War Memorial services would be on 12th November, 10.15 am in Lindal and 2.00 pm in Marton.
- c) Councillor Mrs Glover circulated hand-outs relating to the “Connecting Cumbria” seminar held on 10th October and it was confirmed that Marton now had the appropriate cabinet to provide broadband services.
- d) Councillor Waite referred to continuing problems with roadworks affecting Moor Road, approaching Ireleth. Borough Councillor Thurlow agreed to add this matter to those she would be discussing with County Councillor Shirley.
- e) Reference was made to the refurbishment of the Lindal Kiosk and it was agreed that this would be placed on the next month’s agenda.

118/17 Date and Time of next meeting

The Date and Time of the next meeting was AGREED as Thursday 7th December 2017, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall.

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