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Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 4th January 2018, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

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

Apologies:- Councillors R Lord; D Howarth.

Also present: no members of the public were present.

In attendance:- County Councillor Ben Shirley.

1/18 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)

Consultation paper, increase in council tax required by Police Commissioner. The Chairman agreed that this could be discussed under “any other business”.

2/18 Disclosure of interests. Requests for dispensations.

Referring to the urgent item mentioned above, Councillor Mrs Kelly advised that her husband was a policeman. The Chairman decreed that, because the Council would not be quorate if she was unable to participate in the discussions, dispensation would be appropriate

3/18 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 7th December, 2017

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 7th December, 2017, were taken as read and APPROVED. .

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

4/18 Matters arising from those minutes.

- a) 124/17 Councillor Mrs Kelly reported that she had made enquiries regarding wreaths to be placed at the two War Memorials and that those utilising silk flowers could be obtained for around £60/£70 each. She undertook to ask about an appropriate name plate for each wreath.
- b) 122/17 *From the floor* County Councillor Shirley confirmed that there was no further information regarding the highways issues first highlighted at the November meeting. He also referred to on-going discussions with relevant parties regarding:-
 - a) communication issues with Barrow Borough Council and
 - b) cleansing responsibilities in respect of grass verges on the A590..

5/18 Attendance of officer from Cumbria Constabulary

No Police Officer was in attendance but the December newsletter, previously supplied, reported that there had been no incidents in the Parish during December.

6/18 Highways England: Strategic Road Network consultation

The Clerk referred to correspondence from Highways England, previously circulated to Councillors, regarding its investment priorities for highways improvements for its next development period, from 2020 to 2025. All interested bodies are invited to submit comments, the closing date being 7th February, 2018, and it was AGREED that the Clerk would draft a reply to be considered at the meeting scheduled for 1st February.

7/18 Planning applications relating to the Parish

None.

8/18 Correspondence.

- a) Planning applications relating to the whole of the Borough. The Clerk confirmed that no on-line list from Barrow Borough Council had been received since the last meeting in December. NOTED.
- b) Community Information and Safety. (including product recalls.) None to report.
(All such notices are displayed on the Lindal notice board.)

9/18 Finance.

- a) Account balances:- *Current* - £50: *Festivals* - £1001.64: *Reserve* - £3062.09.
- b) Invoice for £50 re maintenance of the Community website.
- c) Request for donation, Northwest Air Ambulance.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs Kelly and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Glover that item (b) be approved for payment and that in respect of item (c) an amount of £100 be granted.

Carried unanimously.

10/18 Any Other Business.

- a) The Clerk referred to correspondence received from Cumbria's Police and Crime Commissioner regarding his wish to raise the County Council's proportion of council tax by about £12 per year in order to fund additional police resources. (see minute 1/18 above). This would "contribute to funding:-
- 25 police officers....;
 - 95 PCSOs....;
 - an increase in the number of armed officers....;
 - improved protection of our children from abuse especially online....;
 - easier and better ways to contact the police."

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Waite and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Kelly that the proposals be supported. Carried unanimously.

- b) *From the floor*, County Councillor Shirley indicated that funds could be available to enable local councils to each have a radar speed-gun, equipped to take photographs of the number plates of speeding vehicles. Volunteers would be trained in their use, the resultant photos enabling the police to advise motorists who had exceeded the speed limit that they should abide by such limits. It was AGREED that the Council would be happy to participate in the scheme, should the funds be forthcoming.

131/17 Date and Time of next meeting

The Date and Time of the next meeting was AGREED as Thursday 1st February 2018, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall.

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