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Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 1st February 2018, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

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

Apologies:- Councillor Mrs S Kelly.

Also present: 1 member of the public was present.

In attendance:- Borough Councillor Mrs A Thurlow. (apologies from County Councillor Ben Shirley.) PCSO Louise Johns.

12/18 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)

None.

13/18 Disclosure of interests. Requests for dispensations.

None.

14/18 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 4th January, 2018

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 4th January, 2018, were taken as read and APPROVED.

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

15/18 Matters arising from those minutes.

None.

16/18 Attendance of officer from Cumbria Constabulary

PCSO Johns indicated that there had been no reported incidents of crime, anti-social behaviour etc in the Parish during January. However, reference was made to the apparent theft of domestic fowl from a residence in Marton and PCSO Johns confirmed that this was so and that the figures regarding theft should reflect this.

17/18 Highways England: Strategic Road Network consultation

The Clerk referred to his draft letter to Highways England (previously circulated to Councillors) in respect of the consultation on HE's proposals for developing England's highways during the period 2020 to 2025, such documents being limited to a wide-ranging series of policy proposals without any reference to specific schemes or developments

The draft response referred to such policies but, in addition, the opportunity had been taken to emphasise the Council's concerns regarding the A590 and that HE should give priority to appropriate improvements to this road because of its critical importance as the major highway for the Furness area.

It was then PROPOSED by Councillor Howarth and SECONDED by Councillor Lord that the Clerk's draft letter, with a minor amendment, be adopted as the council's formal response to Highways England's consultation documents. Carried unanimously.

18/18 RAF Centenary.

Councillor Lord submitted a quotation regarding a flagpole, at some £70, which could be used on Lindal village green to display an RAF flag in celebration of the centenary. It was AGREED that the Clerk would first clarify the situation regarding a flag before proceeding with the purchase of a flagpole.

19/18 Planning applications relating to the Parish

None.

20/18 Correspondence.

- a) Planning applications relating to the whole of the Borough. The Clerk confirmed that the latest on-line list from Barrow Borough Council had been received and forwarded to Councillors. NOTED.
- b) The Clerk submitted documents from Cumbria County Council relating to road improvements, mainly in the vicinity of the Devonshire Dock Hall complex, and scheduled for 2018 and 2019. NOTED.
- c) Community Information and Safety. (including product recalls.) None to report.
(*All such notices are displayed on the Lindal notice board.*)

21/18 Finance.

- a) Account balances:- *Current* - £50: *Festivals* - £1001.69: *Reserve* - £2962.23.

22/18 Any Other Business.

- a) *From the floor*, a local resident, speaking on behalf of the school, LAMPS, referred to the on-going problem of dog-fouling, particularly on footpaths adjacent to the school. The difficulties in dealing with this problem were discussed, specifically the issue of other local residents clearly being guilty of anti-social behaviour in allowing their animals to defecate in public areas and not accepting responsibility for clearing away the mess. Whilst there were no immediate solutions, it was agreed that
- PCSO Johns would investigate the availability of a telephone “hot-line” by which incidents of dog-fouling, if they were observed, could be reported for follow-up action.
 - PCSO Johns would look at the further provision of appropriate posters.
 - The Clerk would provide another article on the subject for “Aspects”.
 - The Clerk would look to provide a supply of “poo-bags” to be placed in the two kiosks – Lindal and Marton – to encourage dog-owners to be responsible.
 - The Clerk would investigate the provision (and emptying) of additional waste bins.
- b) *From the floor*, it was pointed out that there had been problems in connection with mud being deposited on roads from farm vehicles coming out of fields: the Clerk undertook to discuss with Cumbria Highways the possibility of an approach being made to the land-owner in question to see whether this problem could be avoided.
- c) Councillor Howarth indicated that the Lindal Cricket Club was anxious to have some form of directional sign(s) placed on the A590 to advise visitors of the whereabouts of the Club. It was suggested that the Club should approach Highways England to discuss the matter and Councillor Howarth undertook to advise the Club accordingly.
- d) *From the floor*, comments were made about the lack of maintenance to a particular gate to a footpath in the Marton area and, after discussion, it was agreed that the resident concerned would follow this up with Cumbria County Council personally.
- e) The Clerk referred to the recent “advert” in “Aspects” regarding the need for a volunteer to take care of the Lindal information kiosk and he was able to report that a local resident, from Railway Terrace, had suggested she and her children would be pleased to take on this responsibility. NOTED.

23/18 Date and Time of next meeting

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

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