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

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

Also present: 1 member of the public was present.

In attendance:- County Councillor Ben Shirley.
Apologies from District Councillor Mrs A Thurlow and PCSO L Johns.

24/18 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)

None.

25/18 Disclosure of interests. Requests for dispensations.

None.

26/18 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 1st February, 2018

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

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

27/18 Matters arising from those minutes.

- a) 22/18 (a). The Clerk confirmed that, after further discussions with the Chairman, he had ordered a dispenser for holding dog-waste bags, together with a supply of bags. These had been delivered and the dispenser had been attached to an existing post outside the Buccleuch Hall.
- b) 18/18. Similarly, the Clerk confirmed that the Chairman had authorised the purchase of a flagpole, together with an RAF ensign, both items having been delivered. NB. The dispenser as referred to in a) above had been erected by Councillor Lord who would also arrange for the flagpole, with flag, to be placed on Lindal green at the beginning of

April. Further to the above, Councillor Mrs Kelly was authorised to order the two special wreaths for both War Memorials, in RAF colours. The Clerk would arrange for laminated posters describing the event to be affixed to the adjoining railings.

- c) 22/18 (a) Councillor Lord enquired about the “hot-line” and it was confirmed that the number was 01229 876543. It was emphasised that this was not to be used for the reporting of dog-fouling itself but was available for anyone who was able to report the identity of any dog-owner who had been seen to ignore the requirement to clean up after their animal.

It was also confirmed that additional posters reminding dog-owners of their responsibilities had been installed in the notice boards.

The question of additional waste bins was again discussed and it was AGREED that the possibility of re-siting an existing bin to a more appropriate place would be deferred to the next meeting.

- d) 22/18 (b) Councillor Howarth asked whether there was any further information regarding mud being left on roads, the Clerk reporting that this had been passed to Cumbria Highways who were in contact with the land owner.
- e) 22/18 (c) Councillor Lord enquired as to the directional signs required by Lindal Cricket Club: Councillor Howarth reported that the Club, after discussing the matter with Highways England, was not going to pursue the matter because of the likely cost.

28/18 Attendance of officer from Cumbria Constabulary

PCSO Johns was unable to attend but had submitted details of criminal activity/anti-social behaviour in the Parish during the previous month:- 1 domestic assault; 1 criminal damage (2 vehicle tyres slashed, at Wax Lyrical); 2 theft (£300 from birthday cards stolen from a party)

29/18 Department for Transport: Major Road Network consultation

The Clerk indicated that this latest consultation regarding roads had come from the Department for Transport, DfT, and not Highways England, as had been referred to in the Agenda. It would appear that the DfT wished to assess England’s roads (excluding urban streets) with a view to identifying the varying levels of importance of such roads: the motorway network is the most significant regarding critical communication links and this will be followed by the Strategic Road Network.

Roads falling within this latter definition have already been identified by Highways England on behalf of DfT (see minute 17/18, February 2018) and DfT now wishes to identify those roads which could be classified as the third tier in respect of their importance and which will be designated as the Major Road Network. Such designation will be important in that government funding could be available for the appropriate local authorities for improvements.

However, DfT’s proposals in respect of Cumbria’s roads have already caused disquiet amongst bodies such as Cumbria County Council because of the omission from the list of certain roads in the north of the County and similarly, concern has been expressed over the failure to include that part of the A595, from Grizebeck to Dalton.

The Clerk’s draft reply to the consultation had previously been circulated to members and included references to the importance of this stretch of the A595 and how its omission

from DfT's list, bearing in mind the notorious bottleneck of Dove Ford farmyard, was inexplicable. In addition, it had been noted that the A591, the main highway running through the Lake District, from Keswick to Kendal, had similarly been considered by DfT to be of insufficient importance, despite the implications relating to transport and communications now that the Lake District is a World Heritage Area.

The draft recommended that DfT include in its MRN classification that part of the A595 from Grizebeck to Dalton-in-Furness and also the whole of A591, such recommendations meeting with general approval by Councillors although Councillor Lord suggested that there should be a specific reference to the difficulties experienced by HGVs in particular, in trying to negotiate the Dove Ford area.

It was then PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Kelly that the Clerk's draft reply, but with an additional reference to the difficulties experienced by HGVs on the A595, be endorsed by the Council. Carried unanimously

30/18 Utility Services , Priority Register.

Correspondence was introduced from the Rural Services Network (RSN) suggesting that the various utility companies were anxious to build upon their Priority Services Register, a facility designed to identify members of the public who were, perhaps, rather more vulnerable to interruptions to, for example, the electricity supply than the average householder. Those on the Register would receive wherever practicable special consideration whenever problems occurred.

RSN needed to know how best to extend the take-up of registration and to this end invited organisations such as parish councils to participate in an on-line survey to determine the most appropriate way forward. It was AGREED that the Clerk should participate in the survey.

31/18 Planning applications relating to the Parish

None.

32/18 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) Community Information and Safety. (including product recalls.)
 - 1) Flight ticket fraud. (tickets being booked via websites, particularly for African nations and the Middle East, not being supplied after cash had been taken)
(*All such notices are displayed on the Lindal notice board.*)

33/18 Finance.

- a) Account balances:- *Current* - £50: *Festivals* - £1001.69: *Reserve* - £2912.23.
- b) Amounts for payment:-
 - Rent for the Buccleuch Hall, £220;
 - Honoraria; the Clerk £300, the auditor, £37;

- Petty cash; £112.20 (including inks etc plus flagpole and flag)
- Invoice re dog-bag dispenser and bags; £134.10
- Kiosk maintenance; Lindal; £25 Marton £45.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs Glover and SECONDED by Councillor Howarth that the above payments be authorised. Carried unanimously.

34/18 Any Other Business.

None.

23518 Date and Time of next meeting

The Date and Time of the next meeting was AGREED as Thursday 5th April 2018, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall.

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