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Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 5th April 2018, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

Present:- Councillors Mrs S Glover; D Howarth; Mrs S Kelly.

Apologies:- Councillors A Waite; R Lord.

Also present: 3 members of the public were present.

In attendance:- Apologies from PCSO L Johns.

In the Chair:- Councillor D Howarth.

36/18 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)

None.

37/18 Disclosure of interests. Requests for dispensations.

None.

38/18 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 1st March, 2018

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

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

3918 Matters arising from those minutes.

22/18 (a) Councillor Mrs Kelly asked whether the provision of free dog-waste bags had had any impact on the amount of such dog waste within the Parish. The consensus of opinion was that there had been no improvement.

40/18 Attendance of officer from Cumbria Constabulary

PCSO Johns had tendered her apologies for being unable to attend but had reported that there had only been once incident reported to the Police in March, of anti-social behaviour, involving a dog-bite (but with no specific injury).

41/18 RAF Centenary celebrations.

The RAF Centenary occurred on 1st April, 2018, to mark 100 years since the Royal Air Force was founded, when the Royal Flying Corps and the Royal Naval Air Service came together to form the new Service. To mark the occasion, the Council had intended to place a temporary flag-pole in the centre of Lindal green, from which the RAF standard would be flying, together with wreaths, in the form of RAF roundels, on Lindal and Marton's War Memorials.

However, due to unforeseen circumstances, it had not been possible to complete the arrangements in time. It was then pointed out that the Buccleuch Hall intended to have an "open day" on Sunday, 29th April 2018, when all those who had contributed to the Hall's refurbishment fund would have the opportunity to see the final outcome. It was AGREED that this might be an ideal time to raise the RAF standard and to lay the wreaths, given that a reasonable number of local residents were expected to be in attendance.

42/18 Suggestions re proposed housing development, London Road, Lindal..

Council was reminded that Barrow Borough Council had designated a parcel of land off London Road, Lindal, as suitable for housing development and that this had been discussed and accepted by the Parish Council when it had considered Barrow's District Plan.

The land-owner was now proposing to create a small housing estate on the land, of around 35 houses, and had prepared a drawing of how such a development might look, with the intention that such drawing might form the basis of an outline planning application, to be submitted shortly to Barrow Council.

The drawing was being made available for consideration by the Council but it was emphasised that it was merely an indication of what could be done and that, as and when it was submitted to Barrow Council, it would only be to seek approval in principle for the general outline of the development. If such approval was granted, it would be followed by a full planning application, giving full details of the proposal and taking into account any requirements and conditions attached to the outline approval.

It was understood that some of the properties would be designated as reserved for "over 55s" with a few to be classified as "starter homes": in addition, two parts of the site adjacent to London Road were identified as parking spaces reserved specifically for residents currently living on London Road and customers of The Railway Inn. It was also noted that the plan envisaged the creation of footpaths along London Road, running from its junction with the A590, where no footpaths exist at present, with a consequential narrowing of the highway.

It was AGREED that any formal comments should be left until such time as the planning application proper had been submitted and forwarded to the Parish Council for comment.

43/18 Planning applications relating to the Parish

B18/2018/0191 Lindal Business Park, extension to agricultural building.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs Kelly and SECONDED by Councillor Howarth that the Council express “no comment” on this application. Carried unanimously.

44/18 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.)
(*All such notices are displayed on the Lindal notice board.*)

45/18 Finance.

- a) Account balances:- *Current - £50: Festivals - £1001.77: Reserve - £1689.12.*
- b) The Clerk asked for ratification of a payment of £350, being the annual grant for St Peter’s Church, authorised by the Chairman following the March meeting and in respect of the financial year ending 31st March, 2018.
- c) An invoice was submitted for the two silk wreaths created for the RAF Centenary celebrations, in the sum of £100.
It was PROPOSED by Councillor Howarth and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Glover that item (b) be ratified and item (c) be authorised for payment. Carried unanimously.
- d) The Clerk referred to the Annual Audit arrangements regarding the financial year 2017/2018. The arrangements had changed to the extent that the Council could elect to be exempt from the need to submit details to the Auditors provided that an Exemption Certificate was completed by the Council and submitted to the Auditors. The Annual Accounts would still need to be confirmed by the Council but instead of having to be forwarded to the Auditors for approval they would simply have to be posted on the Council’s website in due course, with details of when and how local residents could examine such accounts.
It was PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs Kelly and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Glover that an Exemption Certificate be duly completed and forwarded to the Auditors. Carried unanimously.

34/18 Any Other Business.

- a) Councillor Mrs Kelly reported that some residents of Ulverston Road, Lindal, had approached her to discuss difficulties they were experiencing with a car being parked on the pavement outside Anchor Gardens, Ulverston Road, and which was causing an obstruction. It was suggested that, in the first instance, it would be appropriate for such residents to discuss the matter directly with the vehicle owner.
- b) *From the floor*, a complaint was made about hedge-clipping of local fields and the fact that debris was not being removed, leading to, in one case, thorns puncturing a car tyre. The Clerk undertook to raise this with Cumbria Highways.

- c) *From the floor*, a query was raised about the land immediately to the rear (Ulverston side) of East View, Lindal, given that it appeared to have been cleared and levelled, as if awaiting development. The Clerk confirmed that the land was still excluded from South Lakeland District Council's areas of land designated for development, as was the adjacent piece of land which had recently been the subject of a planning application regarding a concrete manufacturing plant. All that was known was that the land owner had been aware of Japanese knotweed on the land and had needed to dig some large pits in which the material could be buried, with the land being levelled on completion.

35/18 Date and Time of next meeting

The Date and Time of the next meeting, the **Annual General Meeting**, was AGREED as Thursday 3rd May 2018, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall.

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