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

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

Apologies:- Councillor R Lord.

Also present: 16 members of the public were present.

In attendance:- PCSO L. Johns. Borough Councillor Mrs A Thurlow.

61/18 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)

None.

62/18 Disclosure of interests. Requests for dispensations.

None.

63/18 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday, 3rd May, 2018

NB. There was no meeting on Thursday, 7th June, 2018, due to there being no quorum

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday, 3rd May, were taken as read and APPROVED.

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

64/18 Matters arising from those minutes.

There were no matters arising.

65/18 Attendance of officer from Cumbria Constabulary

PCSO Johns submitted statistics for May and June: 2 assaults (May); one assault (June).

66/18 Merchant Navy Day, 3rd September 2018.

Reference was made to 3rd September having been recognised as Merchant Navy Day since 2000, the date being selected as recognition of the date when the Second World War broke out and when the merchant vessel, SS Athenia was torpedoed, with the loss of 128 passengers and crew.

The charity “Seafarers UK” has invited councils to commemorate this event by flying the Merchant Navy ensign around the time of 3rd September and it was AGREED that the Parish Council utilises its flag-pole on Lindal village green by flying such flag.

67/18 Planning applications relating to the Parish

- a) *B12/2018/0364. Retrospective permission for various developments including extending the car park, Crooklands Garden Centre.* It was pointed out that various amendments to buildings had taken place over the last few years at the garden centre, seemingly without planning permission, and this had culminated in a previous retrospective application being submitted for the Parish Council’s consideration in July, 2017. The Council’s decision at that time was “no comment”, on the grounds that, whilst the site was within the Parish, it was in reality part of Dalton and that Dalton Town Council would be responding themselves.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Howarth and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Kelly that, given that Dalton Town Council would again be responding, the Parish Council again offer “no comment” on this application. Carried unanimously.

- b) *B07/2018/0375. Housing development, London Road, Lindal.*

The Clerk reminded Councillors that in April they had been given sight of drawings produced by a potential developer as to how a housing development might look on that piece of land to the east of London Road which had been identified as suitable for housing by Barrow Borough Council. Such drawings had now been submitted to Barrow Council as an outline planning application and were before the Parish Council for its formal consideration, particular points of interest being:-

- A total of 35 houses were planned.
- 4 houses would be starter-homes and 8 reserved for over-55s
- 17 parking spaces would be reserved on the site for the residents of London Road.
- A new garage would be provided on the site for the residents of 5 London Road.
- Parking spaces would be provided on the site for the public house, The Railway.
- The developer “*has consulted with the local authority and the revised plan has been prepared in response to the observations of the local planning authority.*”

The latter comment indicated that the proposals were the result of discussions with Barrow Borough Council where any inappropriate suggestions would have been identified and removed.

However, during discussions, *including the floor*, it was apparent that there were many concerns regarding what was proposed, centred on three particular issues; traffic and highways; sewers and drainage; local facilities.

Traffic and Highways.

- The application included the provision of a footpath coming out of the proposed estate onto London Road and continuing up the easterly side (where there is no footpath at present) towards the A590 where the footpath would link with the pedestrian crossing. However, this would require utilising part of the highway and in order to maintain the width of London Road the application required the footpath on the western side to be removed, by means of a gradual tapering-off so that the footpath would be reduced to zero as it met the A590.
This would have a significant, and unacceptable, impact on the occupants of 4 London Road who would find themselves with no pavement outside their house and no protection from vehicles as and when they left their property.
- The occupants of 5 London Road, whilst acknowledging the provision of a garage on the proposed site for their personal use, pointed out that the suggested creation of a no-parking area (yellow lines) outside their property would cause inconvenience for them in having to park their second vehicle on the designated parking spaces on the site which would also reduce the availability of spaces for the other residents of London Road.
- The existing difficulties in gaining access to the A590 from London Road were emphasised when the hazards of turning right, or crossing into The Green, were stressed. Fears were expressed over the potential for even more congestion at this junction if the traffic from an additional 35 houses was channelled in that direction. In addition, if there were more occasions when vehicles were queuing to get out of London Road, it would increase the likelihood of vehicles, especially HGVs, having difficulty in turning into London Road from the A590. The frustration which such difficulties would cause would do nothing to reduce the potential for accidents.
- Conversely, such congestion could lead to vehicles which were leaving the new development, or those from existing premises, avoiding the A590 junction completely, by going in the opposite direction in order to reach their destinations via the minor country lanes, thus merely adding to congestion elsewhere.

Sewers and drainage.

- Concerns were expressed about the ability of the site to absorb excessive rain water in times of extreme weather, given that the introduction of hard-surface buildings, roads etc would reduce the amount of permeable land to soak up water. It was noted that soakaways would only be viable in the vicinity of plots 22-27 thus increasing the difficulties for coping with excess water.
- Local residents expressed their doubts about the ability of the local sewerage system being able to cope with both additional sewerage and excess water as referred to above.

Local facilities.

- Reference was made to the current lack of amenities within the village, there being no shop, post office or any other similar retail facility, with the school (LAMPS) unable to take any further pupils. Such difficulties would add to the need for frequent use of cars for travelling to shops and other amenities in the adjoining towns and would do little to enhance social cohesion within the local community.

It was then PROPOSED by Councillor Howarth and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Glover that the Council decline to support the application because of:-

- a) the detrimental impact of the proposals insofar as they impacted upon the highway system, specifically at the junction of London Road and the A590. Such proposals would have an adverse effect on the residents of numbers 4 and 5 London Road in particular, and the increase in traffic generally at that junction would have serious consequences for all road users;
- b) the lack of sufficient attention to the requirements for appropriate sewerage and drainage systems;
- c) the lack of local amenities which would lead to increased traffic movements and hinder the creation of a local community spirit.

Carried unanimously.

- c) *B18/2017/0158 Extension to chicken farm, Maidenlands, Marton.* The Clerk pointed out that this planning application had been considered by the Parish Council in November, 2017, when it had declined to support the proposal. Barrow Borough Council had now reported that the application “*has been disposed of and as a consequence will not be determined*”, meaning that the application will be given no further consideration. NOTED.

68/18 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 reported on correspondence from Cumbria County Council regarding a proposed development at Tony Brown’s Aggregates, based at Diamond Yard, Lindal. The County Council was involved because the site dealt with waste materials, a County responsibility, and the Parish Council was involved because of the site’s proximity to the parish boundary, despite actually being within Pennington parish. Council noted the unusual nature of the correspondence in that it was not a planning application but was a request for pre-application advice, which did not normally include asking outside bodies for their comments. NOTED.
- c) Jubilee Bridge, Walney Island: details of maintenance and repairs. NOTED.
- d) Training for councillors. A training course was available on 18th July 2018. NOTED.
- e) Community Information and Safety. (including product recalls.)
 - 1) Cumbria Police warning about fake emails entitled “Notice of Intended Prosecution” indicating a £100 fixed penalty notice.
(*All such notices are displayed on the Lindal notice board.*)

69/18 Finance.

- a) Account balances:- *Current - £50: Festivals - £1001.85 Reserve - £4592.21.*
- b) The Clerk reported that the Chairman and Councillor Mrs Glover had authorised a petty cash cheque for himself on 7th June, 2018, at £50, in order to pay the Kiosk maintenance fees.

- c) An invoice was submitted in respect of the Council's annual insurance, in the sum of £162.62.
It was PROPOSED by Councillor Howarth and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Kelly that item (b) above be confirmed and item (c) be approved. Carried unanimously.

70/18 Any Other Business.

- a) The Chairman reported that a resident of Marton had started to renew the plants and bulbs in the planters and he was awaiting the appropriate invoices.
b) Councillor Mrs Kelly commented on the overgrown hedges at the foot of Snipe Ghyll which were becoming a traffic hazard. The Clerk undertook to report the matter to Highways.

71/18 Date and Time of next meeting

The Date and Time of the next meeting was AGREED as Thursday 2nd August 2018, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall.

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