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Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 1st November 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: 6 members of the public were present.

In attendance:- County Councillor Ben Shirley
Apologies from PCSO L Johns.

92/18 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)

None.

93/18 Disclosure of interests. Requests for dispensations.

None.

94/18 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 6th September, 2018

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 6th September, were taken as read and APPROVED. NB. There was no meeting in October due to a lack of a quorum.

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

95/18 Matters arising from those minutes.

85/18 (a) The Clerk reported that the outline planning application in respect of the proposed housing development off London Road was due to be submitted to Barrow's planning committee on Tuesday next, 6th November 2018, with a recommendation from the planning officer that it be approved.

The main points which could be drawn from the officer's report (54 pages in length) were:-

- Both Highways England and Cumbria Highways Department were in agreement that the original proposals for an additional footpath etc, on London Road, were unacceptable, the final proposal envisaging that the road would remain in its present form insofar as its junction with the A590 was concerned.
- Highways England was satisfied that the additional traffic resulting from the proposed development, estimated by the developer as, perhaps, 19 movements at peak times, would not create an unacceptable problem at the A590/London Road junction. (Coincidentally, Highways England had advised that a study was taking place to assess all similar junctions on the A590 with a view to determining whether any improvements were possible to ease such problems: individual councils along the route would be consulted in due course.)
- Should outline permission be granted the developer would be required to provide an alternative allotment area in place of that which would be utilised as a car park: this was in line with national guidelines.
- The lack of a children's play-area had been noted and the development would need to incorporate such an area, again, in line with national guidelines.
- In respect of other issues raised by the parish council – sewerage, drainage, local amenities – the report suggested that there were no insurmountable problems: in particular, whilst it was acknowledged that the local school, LAMPS, currently had no spare capacity, it was pointed out that there were spaces at Pennington and Dalton. Capacity issues could be totally different in years to come, of course.

The Clerk also drew attention to the way in which “neighbour consultation” was reported, whereby the planning officer merely summarised the main elements of concern for the benefit of the Planning Committee. This was in sharp contrast to the previous arrangement whereby all letters of objection, or support, were reproduced in full so that members of the Committee were fully aware of specific viewpoints. It was AGREED that the Clerk would write to Barrow Council to express the concerns of the parish at this development.

From the floor, doubts were raised about the possibility of the land in question being contaminated: it was emphasised that there would be conditions attached to any approval of the proposal to ensure that such issues were fully addressed before development could take place.

It was then PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Howarth that the parish council note the planning officer's report and await further events. Carried unanimously.

96/18 Attendance of officer from Cumbria Constabulary

PCSO Johns had submitted her apologies for being unable to attend the meeting but had confirmed that there had been one reported incident of theft in both September and October.

97/18 Planning applications relating to the Parish

B18/2018/0566 barn extension and new barn, Roundhills, Marton.

This item had been available for consideration in October but this had not been possible due to there being no Council meeting. The application had subsequently been approved, with conditions, by Barrow Borough Council. NOTED.

98/18 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.) None to report.
(all such notices are displayed on the Lindal notice board.)

99/18 Finance.

- a) Account balances:- *Current - £50: Festivals - £1002.01 Reserve - £3557.46*
- b) The Clerk submitted requests for a) financial assistance towards the Senior Citizens' Christmas Party and b) a donation in respect of the Great North Air Ambulance and (c) payment of the invoice (£34) in respect of the two wreaths for Remembrance Sunday.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Glover that an amount of £400 be granted towards the Party with £100 for the Air Ambulance, and the invoice for the wreath be approved. Carried unanimously.

100/18 Any Other Business.

- a) The Chairman reported that (1) some children's play equipment which had been donated by local residents for the play area in Marton had been removed by Continental Landscapes when they had been attending to that area and the items disposed of. (2) when Cumbria Fire and Rescue had attended a fire recently in Marton they had been unable to draw water from the hydrants in the village. The Clerk undertook to make appropriate enquiries regarding both problems.
- b) Councillor Lord indicated that the flag-pole on the village green required a new rope. The Clerk confirmed that a replacement would be ordered.
- c) The Clerk commented on correspondence recently received regarding "mess" to the side of the Buccleuch Hall, following a recent social event within the Hall. Whilst the Hall was not the responsibility of the parish council, some members had examined the area before the meeting and a few bottles etc were removed to waste bins. For future, similar, occurrences the complainant would be encouraged to approach the usual day-time occupants of the Hall to seek their comments and/or assistance. Councillor Howarth, Treasurer of the Hall's management committee was also willing to discuss the matter, if approached.
- d) *From the floor* a resident of London Road commented on the number of rats to be seen to the rear of those properties. The importance of good cleanliness and sanitation was stressed in order to control vermin and everyone should be aware of the potential for rats to appear at any time, anywhere, and take appropriate precautions.

- e) The Clerk referred to the changes taking place to street lights, with the County Council gradually changing all existing lights to a more environmentally friendly LED bulb. In this context he had been approached by a local resident who pointed out that the replacement lamps around Lindal's village green were not, perhaps, in keeping with that area's conservation area status. *From the floor*, County Councillor Ben Shirley undertook to discuss this with the local Highway engineer.
- f) *From the floor* County Councillor Shirley confirmed that a radar speed-gun had now been provided for the use of the local communities (Lindal, Dalton, Askam) and that the intention would be to seek volunteers to be trained in the use of such equipment. Further details would be forthcoming in the near future.

101/18 Date and Time of next meeting

The Date and Time of the next meeting was AGREED as Thursday 6th December 2018, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall.

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