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Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 4th April 2019, 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: no members of the public were present.

In attendance:- County Councillor Ben Shirley
Apologies from Borough Councillor Mrs A Thurlow.

23/19 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)

None.

24/19 Disclosure of interests. Requests for dispensations.

None.

25/19 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 7th March 2019

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 7th March 2019, were taken as read and APPROVED.

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

26/19 Matters arising from those minutes.

(a) The Clerk reported on:-

21/19 (a) He had been able to clarify with County Councillor Shirley the situation regarding the speed-gun. The major problem had been difficulties with Councillor Shirley's email address and this had now been rectified. It was noted that there were four local volunteers regarding training for the speed-gun and Councillor Mrs Kelly confirmed that she was aware of two others who would be interested. The Clerk would liaise with all concerned to arrange training in the next two weeks.

However, the Parish Council would need to provide hi-vis jackets and also to arrange for appropriate insurance.

(b) 18/19 It was understood that the planning application for a housing development off London Road would be submitted to the next meeting of Barrow Borough Council with the likelihood that there would be a recommendation for approval..

27/19 Attendance of officer from Cumbria Constabulary

There was nobody in attendance from the Police and consequently there were no crime figures to consider.

It was noted that there was still uncertainty about the use of SID, the Speed Indicator Device, and in that context, *from the floor*, Councillor Shirley suggested that a County Council Survey on traffic issues affecting the school, LAMPS, could be helpful and that he would approach his colleagues regarding funding for such a Survey. At the same time, the question of Marton's 20 mph speed limit being extended to include Lindal could also be explored. The Chairman confirmed that Councillor Shirley's offer would be a useful development.

28/19 "Fairtrade" designation.

The Clerk referred to correspondence from Borough Councillor Mrs Ann Thurlow, a member of the Furness Fairtrade Steering Committee, suggesting that the Parish Council might like to consider recognizing the Fairtrade concept by a formal resolution to support it. This would involve a Statement of Support; a Commitment to use, where practical, Fairtrade products; a named Council Representative on the Steering Committee (a meeting annually); the Dates of the Resolution being passed.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Howarth and SECONDED by Councillor Lord that the Parish Council agree to support the concept of Fairtrade; Fairtrade products would be used by the Council, wherever possible; Councillor Mrs Glover be the Council's formal representative on any committee. Carried unanimously, on this date, Thursday 4th April 2019.

29/19 "High Street" Community Clear-Up.

Notification had been received regarding the availability of funds from central government to allow communities to come together as volunteers in order to clean-up "High Streets" and town centres. Such funds had seemingly to be spent within the month of March although it was understood that there would, of necessity, be some flexibility with this, given that notification of the scheme had not been until the last week of March.

The funds were to enable volunteer groups to be equipped with items such as litter-pickers, shovels, brushes and associated equipment. However, in the absence of any standing group of volunteers within the parish it was accepted that the time-scale for organising any clean-up had been too short and, bearing in mind that the Parish was not an urban district, with wide-spread litter problems, it was AGREED that the Parish Council's response should be limited to acquiring some basic items such as litter-pickers, etc., for future use as required.

30/19 Planning applications relating to the Parish

B21/2019/0208. Alterations to the rear of 9 London Road, Lindal.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Kelly that the Council confirm that it had no objections to this proposal. Carried unanimously.

31/19 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) Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service was available to advise individual householders on Fire and Safety issues, including the providing and fitting of smoke detectors. This service is Free of Charge, and can be arranged by telephoning 0800 3584777. It was AGREED that this service should be publicised via “Aspects” and on notice boards.
- c) A reminder had been received about Merchant Navy Day, on 3rd September, when it was suggested that this should be marked by the flying of the Red Ensign, the merchant navy’s particular flag. Given that the Council had purchased, and used, such a flag last year it was AGREED that this should be flown on Lindal village green this year and subsequent years, for an appropriate period of, perhaps, two-three weeks.
- d) Community Information and Safety. (including product recalls.) None to report.
(all such notices are displayed on the Lindal notice board.)

32/19 Finance.

- a) Account balances:- *Current - £50: Festivals - £1002.99 Reserve - £1381.02.*
- b) The Clerk requested reimbursement of petty cash (£28.57 – including renewal of kiosk light £27.99)
- c) The Clerk referred to the annual audit requirements and submitted the Exemption Certificate for signature, indicating that the Council’s income/expenditure for the year 2018/2019 was less than £25,000. This removed from the Council the requirement to submit its financial records to the nominated Auditors, provided that such Certificate, and all associated records, were posted on the Council’s web-site in due course.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Glover that items (b) and (c) be authorised.

Carried unanimously.

33/19 Any Other Business.

- a) Councillor Lord drew attention to the faulty gates on Lindal village green and the Clerk advised that he would discuss the matter with the Play Group, the regular users of the green.
- b) The Clerk confirmed that there had been no additional nominations for the positions of parish councillors and consequently, the existing councillors had been returned unopposed.
- c) The Clerk referred to the on-going problem of road-works on Moor Road, near to the approach to Ireleth. This was due to a long-standing difficulty following severe flooding eighteen months ago. It was hoped that repairs would start soon but this would

necessitate the road being closed. It had been emphasised that an appropriate warning sign would be needed in Marton, to deter motorists from taking the Ireleth road and, whilst such sign had not yet been provided, it was hoped that this would be in place shortly.

34/19 Date and Time of next meeting

It was NOTED that the Annual General Meeting of the Council was scheduled for Thursday, 2nd May, 2019, when the re-elected Council would assume office, but this would coincide with the local elections which would utilise the Buccleuch Hall. This would normally see the Council utilising St Peter's Church for its meeting but, because of holiday commitments by two councillors it was **AGREED** that the AGM would take place in the Buccleuch Hall at 7.30 pm on **Thursday, 9th May, 2019.**

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