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Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 5th December 2019, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

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

Apologies:- Councillor Mrs Kelly.

Also present:- No members of the public were present.

In attendance:- Borough Councillor Daniel Edwards
Apologies from PCSO Perry and County/Borough Councillor Shirley.

110/19 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)

None

111/19 Disclosure of interests. Requests for dispensations.

None.

112/19 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 7th November 2019

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

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

113/19 Matters arising from those minutes.

a) The Clerk commented on the following:-

- 1) 101/19 (a) SID was currently deployed at the foot of Pit Lane, Lindal, and would be re-sited on the A590 in the next few days.
- 2) 101/19 (a) Dunbia (the abattoir company) had addressed the problem of wayward HGVs entering Lindal village (instead of accessing its premises via Melton) by

means of a map indicating the correct route. This had been forwarded to all haulage companies visiting the site although it was accepted that there would be occasional problems with drivers making mistakes and vehicles taking the wrong route.

- 3) 101/19 (a) Playdale had confirmed its willingness to introduce a similar arrangement involving maps.
- 4) 104/19 The cost of a re-conditioned laser speed-gun would be around £1500. Dalton and Askam Councils were willing to consider the purchase of one to be shared, as was done with the borrowed machine previously used. After discussion it was AGREED that no further action be taken at present regarding a speed-gun and that attention be given to the provision of a SID (Speed Indicator Device) for the sole use of the parish. The Clerk would obtain details and initiate discussions with the appropriate Highways bodies
- 5) 108/19 (b) The self-employed handyman/lengthman who worked within the Askam area was willing to extend his role to helping out in Lindal and Marton and it was AGREED that arrangements be made for him to meet the Chairman and Clerk to discuss the matter further.
- 6) 108/19 (b) It was confirmed that “Aspects” now included a permanent feature – “Notice Board” – on which items such as information about the HGV problem; the reporting of highways difficulties, and the service provided by the Fire Service regarding smoke alarms could be highlighted.

b) Councillor Howarth queried:-

- 1) 108.19 (a) The situation regarding flooding on the road near to Whitriggs. The Clerk reported that Barrow Borough Council’s environmental health department was currently discussing with the owners of the adjacent smallholding problems associated with the use of their land which might have also impacted on the potential for flooding on the road.
- 2) 108/19 (c) The replacement of a bench by Anchor Gardens. It was confirmed that a replacement could be obtained for around £220 but after discussion, it was AGREED that the matter be left in abeyance.
- 3) 108/19 (e) Parking problems in Marton. The resident who raised his concerns had been given details of the Highways official who should be contacted, with appropriate photographs, and this was in hand.

114/19 Attendance of officer from Cumbria Constabulary

Apologies were submitted by PCSO Perry but statistics had been supplied indicating that no crimes had been reported in November. It was also reported that a “phone scam” had recently occurred involving a resident being persuaded to transfer money to a fraudulent site.

115/19 Planning applications relating to the Parish

None.

116/19 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) Community Information and Safety. (including product recalls.)
(all such notices are displayed on the Lindal notice board.)

117/19 Finance.

- a) Account balances:- *Current - £50: Festivals - £1004.34 Reserve - £3368.04*
- b) The Clerk requested payment for 1) 50% of his computer maintenance charge, £17:50: 2) petty cash in the sum of £69:14 (including £50 for Kiosk fees.).
3) Payment of his annual fee to the Society of Local Council Clerks, £44.
- c) Invoices had been produced for maintenance charges relating to St Peter's Church, totalling £385.44
- d) The Chairman submitted an invoice regarding the Christmas tree provided for Marton park in the sum of £75

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Howarth and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Glover that items (b) and (d) be approved and that for item (c), the budgeted donation of £350 in relation to St Peter's Church be similarly approved. . Carried unanimously.

- e) The financial statement up to December and the budget projections for 2020/2021 were discussed and it was NOTED that £800 budgeted for this year on lengthman/handyman duties had not yet been spent.
It was also NOTED that there was sufficient leeway in the expenditure to date to enable a further £700 to be added to this amount, meaning that £1500 would be available, should the proposed discussions (minute 113/19 (a) 5) be successful.
In addition, it was AGREED that the proposed sum of £800 already included in next year's budget for the same maintenance requirements be increased to £1500.
- f) It was then PROPOSED by Councillor Howarth and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Glover that the precept for the year 2020/2021 be set at £4,000. Carried unanimsously.

118/19 Any Other Business.

From the floor, Borough Councillor Edwards referred to the salt-bin which was required in Marton, confirming that it would be provided in the next couple of weeks.
He also commented on litter being spotted around the bench situated on the layby on the Black Dog - Ireleth road, overlooking the Duddon Estuary. It was pointed out that this area was within Askam's parish boundary and he undertook to raise the matter with the Askam Clerk.

119/19 Date and Time of next meeting

The Date and Time of the next meeting was AGREED as Thursday, 2nd January, 2020 at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

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