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Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 6th February, 2020, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

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

Apologies:- Councillor A Waite.

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

In attendance:- County and Borough Councillor Ben Shirley,
Borough Councillors Daniel Edwards; Sam Ronson,
Archie Workman, Lengthsman.

In the Chair: Councillor Howarth.

1/20 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)

Correspondence from the Cumbria Police and Crime Commissioner. The Chairman confirmed that this could be discussed under item 9, Finance.

2/20 Disclosure of interests. Requests for dispensations.

None.

3/20 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 5th December 2019

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 5th December, 2019 were taken as read and APPROVED. NB., There was no meeting in January 2020 due to the lack of a quorum.

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

4/20 Matters arising from those minutes.

Councillor Howarth referred to the following:-

- a) 113/19 (4) information awaited regarding Speed Indicator Devices. The Clerk reported that he was still waiting for detailed replies from Highways Agency.
- b) 113/19 b) (1) the situation regarding flooding on the road adjacent to Whitriggs. The Clerk indicated that no further information had been received.
- c) 118/19 the installation of a salt-bin in Marton. This had now been done.

5/20 Attendance of officer from Cumbria Constabulary

No officer was in attendance; no statistics had been provided.

6/20 Attendance of Mr Archie Workman.

The Clerk confirmed that arrangements had been made with Archie Workman to work within the Parish, part-time, carrying out routine duties such as the clearing of drains, gulleys, grass verges, fallen leaves etc. ("lengthsman" duties), plus cleaning signs, bus-shelters etc.

Mr Workman was in attendance and was introduced to the Council, having previously met the Chairman and Clerk to be shown around the Parish. NB., he will not be an employee, being classed as self-employed.

A brief discussion took place regarding what kind of tasks he might undertake and it was agreed that attention should be given in the first place to ensuring that gutters and verges etc should be tidied-up, particularly in the vicinity of bus-stops. Such work had already been started.

7/20 Planning applications relating to the Parish

B21/2020/0035 side/rear extension, 28 London Road, Lindal.

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

8/20 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.)

9/20 Finance.

- a) Account balances:- *Current - £50: Festivals - £1004.69 Reserve - £2813.41*
- b) The Clerk requested payment for 1) replacement dog-waste bags (£39.30):
2) web-site maintenance fee (£50): 3) Mr A Workman, (£148.99 – including work apparel) It was PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs Glover and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Kelly that the above items be approved for payment. Carried unanimously.

With reference to the dog-waste bags, it was pointed out that these were placed in a dispenser unit sited outside the Buccleuch Hall and were there to help dog owners who might have inadvertently found that they did not have such a bag if and when their dog fouled the pavement or grass verge. They were NOT meant to be a substitute for residents providing their own bags and were for emergency use only.

However, the need to frequently refill the dispenser suggested that fifty to a hundred bags per week were being taken, this conflicting with the knowledge that there was still a problem of dog faeces being found uncollected throughout the Parish. Clearly, there were still a number of dog-owners who were seemingly oblivious to the irresponsibility of allowing their animals to foul the environment and similarly, some person(s) were taking the dog-bags for other purposes.

A further plea would be made via “Aspects” for responsible behaviour, with information as to how incidents should be reported.

- c) Correspondence was introduced from Cumbria’s Police and Crime Commissioner in which he asked for support for his proposal to add a small increase to the council tax in order to increase police numbers. His proposal was for council tax band D to have an additional 74p per month added, with other bands having pro-rata increases. It was PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs Kelly and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Stringer that this proposal be supported. Carried unanimously.

10/20 Any Other Business.

- a) Councillor Mrs Stringer advised that the Lindal Ladies group was willing to provide, and plant, a tree on Lindal village green to replace the one recently removed because of disease. It was agreed that this should be supported.
- b) Councillor Mrs Stringer suggested that the local branch of Young Farmers was willing to renovate the small triangle of land by Lindal green/the Church by clearing the vegetation and re-planting with bulbs. It was agreed that there was no objection to this.
- c) Councillor Mrs Kelly commented on the potholes in the Marton area, the Clerk indicating that these had been reported.

11/20 Date and Time of next meeting

The Date and Time of the next meeting was AGREED as Thursday, 5th March, 2020 at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

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