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Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 5th March, 2020, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

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

Also present:- Two members of the public were present.

In attendance:- Apologies:-
PCSO Perry.
Borough Councillor Daniel Edwards. (received after the meeting)

12/20 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)

None.

13/20 Disclosure of interests. Requests for dispensations.

None.

14/20 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 6 February 2020

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 6 February 2020 were taken as read and APPROVED. .

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

15/20 Matters arising from those minutes.

- a) 10/20 (c) Councillor Waite commented on the repairs to potholes in Marton, pointing out that only one had been seen-to, the repair staff refusing to attend to others in the vicinity, the reason being that “they weren’t on the list”. The Clerk undertook to follow this up.

- b) 4/20 (b) Councillor Mrs Kelly suggested that flooding was still apparent on the road at Whitriggs, the clerk responding that the lengthsman had cleared a blocked drain and such flooding should not be happening. If there was still flooding, this would be pursued. Reference was made to similar difficulties at Broken Bridge, between Lindal and Marton, the Clerk confirming that this would also be followed up.

16/20 Attendance of officer from Cumbria Constabulary

Apologies had been submitted by PCSO Perry who had also indicated that there had been only one incident to report, “public order at Lindal Business Centre”.

Notification had been received that Inspector Bailey had moved to another position and had been replaced by Inspector Gareth Jesson. NOTED.

17/20 Traffic issues, A590

Reference was made to concerns being expressed by residents of Church Close, Lindal, about the A590 as it passed through Lindal village and in particular, the current speed limit, of 40 mph. *From the floor*, it was suggested that this gave rise to an unacceptable level of noise for residents who lived close to the road and that a reduction to 30 mph would be appropriate.

In addition, the impending development of a small housing estate off London Road would create further vehicle and pedestrian movements both on and across the A590, this being a further reason why a reduction in the speed limit would be beneficial.

The Clerk reported that he had raised these concerns with Highways England who, firstly, confirmed that HE had been consulted as part of the planning process when the planning application for the housing development had first been submitted and that HE had not found any reasons to object to the development as far as its effect on the A590 was concerned.

Secondly, insofar as noise was concerned, HE’s view was that a reduction of the speed limit from 40 mph to 30 mph could lead to a minor reduction in noise levels but it would not be perceptible to the human ear. At speeds below 50 mph traffic noise is due mainly to engine noise. In addition, a reduction in traffic noise of at least 3 decibels would be needed for it to be detected by the human ear and this would be the equivalent to halving the number of vehicles.

The Council expressed its sympathy for those residents who were affected by the noise but felt that under the present circumstances nothing would be gained by seeking a reduction in the speed limit. However, given that there were similar concerns about vehicles exceeding the existing limit, the Clerk would continue to explore the further use of speed cameras.

18/20 Planning applications relating to the Parish

- a) There were no new applications for consideration.
- b) It was noted that outline planning permission had been granted in respect of the proposed housing estate of some 35 houses, off London Road, Lindal.

This matter was last discussed by the Parish Council in March 2019 when it was anticipated that the application would be submitted to the April 2019 meeting of Barrow's planning committee. This did not happen and the decision to grant approval for the outline application was not taken until February 2020, the delay being due to protracted discussions between all the parties concerned regarding highways and drainage issues. Further details regarding these, and all other matters, would be available as and when the full application was submitted. NOTED.

19/20 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) Local electricity generation. Correspondence from "Power for People", an organisation promulgating locally-produced electricity, was discussed and, in particular, the request that the Parish Council add its name to a petition calling for the government to allow such electricity to be sold specifically to the producer's local community instead of to a national utility company. After discussion it was PROPOSED by Councillor Waite and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Kelly that no action be taken at present due to a lack of detail. Carried unanimously.
- c) Community Information and Safety. (including product recalls.)
(all such notices are displayed on the Lindal notice board.)

20/20 Finance.

- a) Account balances:- *Current* - £50: *Festivals* - £1004.84 *Reserve* - £2625.54
- b) The Clerk requested payment for 1) honoraria re the Clerk, £300 and Auditor, £37. 2) Buccleuch Hall rent, £240. 3) Mr A Workman, £128. 4) Petty Cash, £36.66.
It was PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs Glover and SECONDED by Councillor Howarth that the above items be approved for payment. Carried unanimously.
- c) The Clerk referred to the need for formal Council approval of a change in cheque signatories, with Councillor Mrs Stringer taking the place of ex-Councillor Lord. It was PROPOSED by Councillor Howarth and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Kelly that such change be formally noted. Carried unanimously.

21/20 Any Other Business.

- a) Councillor Mrs Glover commented on an apparent reduction in the numbers of dog-waste bags being taken from the dispenser at the Buccleuch Hall. (minute. 9/20 (b) of February refers.)
- b) Councillor Waite commented on the broken footpath sign near to Lane Ends, Marton. The Clerk undertook to report this to the County Council's footpaths' officer.

22/20 Date and Time of next meeting

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

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