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Councillors:-

Mr A Waite (462922) Mrs S Glover (462383) Mr D Howarth (463304) Mrs S Kelly (465343) Mrs C Stringer (464781)

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 7th January 2021, at 7.30 pm. Due to the restrictions imposed because of the coronavirus pandemic this was a telephone conference meeting.

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

Also present:- No members of the public had asked to be connected.

In attendance:- Apologies from County and Borough Councillor Ben Shirley;
Borough Councillor Dan Edwards.

1/21 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)

None.

2/21 Disclosure of interests. Requests for dispensations.

None.

3/21 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 7th November 2020

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 7th November 2020 were taken as read and APPROVED.

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

NB. No meeting in December because of the coronavirus pandemic.

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4/21 Matters arising from those minutes.

- a) 58/20/(c) Councillor Howarth confirmed that the request for road markings outside the Buccleuch Hall had been added to the Highways department's list.

5/20 Attendance of officer from Cumbria Constabulary

No information had been submitted by Cumbria Constabulary.

6/21 Annual assessment:- Standing Orders; Risk Assessment Policy; Internal Audit.

Reference was made to the reduction in activity of the Council due to the coronavirus pandemic, with only five meetings in 2020. There were two physical meetings (February and March – with January cancelled because of the lack of a quorum) and with three “virtual” meetings, by telephone (June, August and November), and no meetings in April, May, July, September, October and December.

Standing Orders had been amended in June to allow for “virtual” meetings, currently utilising a telephone link-up only, with no video component. In addition, the use of the bank transfer system was approved for payment of invoices, where appropriate, instead of a cheque.

It was then PROPOSED by Councillor Howarth that in view of the fact that nothing else had changed, the Council confirm that it was satisfied with the current arrangements involving the three items identified. SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Kelly.
Carried unanimously.

7/21 Planning applications relating to the Parish

- a) *B21/2020/0778 Hellensdale, Pennington Lane, Lindal. Small single storey extension.*
- b) *B07/2020/0250 Reconsultation re reserved matters, housing development, London Road, Lindal.*

The date for the submission of comment on these applications had been in December and had been missed by the Council because there had been no meeting, although it was noted that they were still listed as “pending” by Barrow’s planning department.

- a) Insofar as “Hellensdale” was concerned, there had been no representations to the Council by any interested party;
- b) regarding the housing development, it was understood that the application was to clarify technical issues relating to drainage and highways, following the granting of outline approval.

It was then PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs Kelly and SECONDED by Councillor Howarth that the Council confirm that it had no objections to both the applications.
Carried unanimously.

8/21 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.

9/21 Finance.

- a) Account balances:- *Current* - £50; *Festivals* - £1005.42 *Reserve* - £2678.85
- b) Payments, December, for formal authorisation:-
 - Archie Workman, £96; £64: (village maintenance).
 - The Clerk, £59.90, (petty cash): £45, (subscription); £75, (Marton Christmas Tree); £12.80, (flags); £17.50), (computer maintenance).
 - Ms L Burns, £96; (plants).
 - The Old Bakehouse, £350; (Xmas food boxes).
 - Ne Fleming, £50; (website maintenance).
- c) The Clerk referred to a (previously circulated) summary of the Council's financial position as at the end of December 2020, which included the projected expenditure for the rest of the current financial year, to 31st March 2021.
The anticipated expenditure for the coming year, 2021/2022, was then discussed and the expense associated with the lengthsman was noted, together with the possibility that additional funding might be required to maintain this service.
However, it was AGREED that such service was of great benefit to the community and that it should be funded accordingly.
It was then PROPOSED by Councillor Howarth and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Kelly that the precept for 2021/2022 be £4,500, ie., an increase of £500 over the current amount. Carried unanimously.

10/21 Any Other Business.

- a) The Chairman reported that the grass verges and ditches lining Snipe Ghyll, Marton, had recently been cleaned and tidied by a local resident, Mr Nick Watson, using his own machinery and without charge. The Council agreed that this was a commendable gesture by Mr Watson and that the Clerk should write to him to thank him for his efforts.
- b) The Chairman drew attention to the growing number of pot-holes in Marton and the Clerk confirmed that he would take this up with the Highways Department.

11/21 Date and Time of next meeting

The Date and Time of the next meeting was AGREED as Thursday, 4th March, 2021 at 7.30 pm, via telephone, unless circumstances dictated otherwise.

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