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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday, 20th May 2021 at 7.30 pm. in St Peter's Church, Lindal. Current regulations regarding Covid-19 were in place.

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

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

In attendance: None. Apologies from:- Borough Councillor Dan Edwards.
PCSO Hannah While.

23/21 Election of Chairman.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Howarth and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Kelly that Councillor Waite be Chairman for the coming year,
Carried unanimously.

24/21 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)

None.

25/21 Disclosure of interests. Requests for dispensations.

None.

26/21 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 4th March 2021

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 4th March 2021 were taken as read and APPROVED.

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

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

27/21 Matters arising from those minutes.

21/21 (b) Councillor Waite commented on the continuing problem of potholes in the main street going through Marton. Despite having raised this at the last meeting (March), with the Clerk and Borough Councillor Edwards raising the matter with the appropriate

authorities, it appeared that there had been a further instance of road-repair staff being unwilling to attend to adjacent potholes when repairing those on their official list. The Clerk undertook to raise the matter once again.

28/20 Attendance of officer from Cumbria Constabulary

There was no officer in attendance.

Reports of criminal or anti-social activity had previously submitted and were limited to an apparent arson attack on 23rd April, when a male person was seen to stop his car on Snipe Ghyll and set light to bushes and gorse on an adjacent field. Nobody has been apprehended.

29/21 Planning applications relating to the Parish

- a) *B12/2021/0174 Minor amendment re car park, Charnley's Garden Centre, Dalton.*
Reference was made to the fact that, whilst Charnley's was situated just inside the Parish boundary it was, to all intents and purposes, part of Dalton and it was customary to allow Dalton Town Council to make appropriate comments. It was then PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs Kelly and SECONDED by Councillor Howarth that the Parish Council offer no objections to this application. Carried unanimously.
- b) *B18/2021/0227. Roof over livestock area, Maidenlands Farm, Marton.*
It was PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs Kelly and SECONDED by Councillor Howarth that the Council confirm that it had no objections to this application. Carried unanimously.
- c) *B13/2021/0247. Conversion of garage to 2-bedroom dwelling, Old Chapel, Marton (retrospective).*
It was PROPOSED by Councillor Waite and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Glover that the Council place on record its concern that the application was "retrospective", suggesting that conversion of the garage into a dwelling had already commenced, contrary to planning regulations. However, whilst this was reprehensible in itself, should the planning department consider that the development fulfilled all other criteria regarding additional housing in such a locality, the Parish Council would have no objections to the application. Carried unanimously.

30/21 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.
- b) Further details re proposed roundabout at Cross-a-Moor, Swarthmoor. Documents received from Highways England gave detailed legal information regarding this development, including land ownership etc. NOTED.
- c) County/Borough councillor Ben Shirley and his fellow Dalton North councillors were organising a litter-picking programme for the Dalton North ward and it was intended to visit Lindal and Marton on Saturday, 12 June, at 10 am, meeting at the Buccleuch Hall.
- d) Litter-picking, Haverigg Prison. An offer had been received from Haverigg Prison to include the Parish on a list of local communities which could be visited by officers and inmates from the prison for litter-picking duties. Further details were awaited.

31/21 Finance.

a) Account balances:- *Current* - £50: *Festivals* - £1005.46 *Reserve* - £5646.22

b) Payments, for formal authorisation:-

- Archie Workman, £80 (village maintenance).
- JRB Enterprises £39.30 (dog-waste bags)
- CALC £191.05 (annual subs. Cumbria Association of Local Councils)
- BHIB Insurance Brokers, £173.39 (renewal of insurance)
- Petty cash, £49.54.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Howarth and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Stringer that such payments be formally authorised. Carried unanimously.

c) Annual audit. The Clerk submitted the various documents in respect of the audit:- The Exemption Certificate; The Accounting Statements; The Annual Governance Statement.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Howarth and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Glover that such statements be duly authorised. Carried unanimously

32/21 Any Other Business.

a) Councillor Howarth announced that he was shortly to be moving out of the village and consequently felt he could no longer continue as a parish councillor, with this being his last meeting. The Chairman thanked Councillor Howarth for his fifteen years' service as a Councillor and wished him well for the future.

b) Councillor Mrs Stringer commented on the parish's website and mentioned the photograph apparently showing the official opening of the school playing field and playground. She wondered whether one illustrating something of the area's heritage would be beneficial and the Clerk undertook to pursue the matter.

c) Councillor Mrs Kelly reiterated her concern at the apparent uncontrolled development at Tytop Small holdings. The Clerk indicated that, despite repeated discussions with Barrow's planning department, all he could determine was that the site owner had been requested to submit a formal planning application to cover what had been done and was proposed.

d) Councillor Waite referred to the condition of the directional sign at the foot of Snipe Ghyll and the Clerk confirmed that he would ask the lengthsman to see if it could be renovated.

e) The Clerk reported that following several approaches to Borough councillors, as well as Barrow council, the cleaning of the A590 verges had still not recommenced, there seemingly being controversy about the contractual arrangement with the waste removal contractor. In the meantime, the position remained unsatisfactory, with litter despoiling the countryside, Elliscales roundabout being a case in point. Paradoxically, the growth of grass was tending to hide much of the litter.

33/21 Date and Time of next meeting

The Date and Time of the next meeting was AGREED as Thursday 8th July 2021 at 7.30 pm in **St Peter's Church**. NB. No meeting in June. (The May meeting being late, held on 20th May.)

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