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Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 8th July 2021 at 7.30 pm. in St Peter's Church, Lindal. Current regulations regarding Covid-19 were in place.

Present:- Councillors A Waite; Mrs C Stringer; Mrs S Kelly; N Fleming

Apologies:- Mrs S Glover.

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

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

34/21 Election of new councillor.

The Clerk confirmed that the statutory procedure had been followed regarding the need to fill Councillor Howarth's vacancy in that a notice had been published indicating that the Parish Council had the freedom to co-opt a parishioner to fill the vacancy unless ten electors within the Parish requested the Returning Officer at Barrow Town Hall to arrange for an election. No such requests had been made and the Council had then agreed that Mr N Fleming, Woodlands, Mount Pleasant, Lindal be appointed.

35/21 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)

None.

36/21 Disclosure of interests. Requests for dispensations.

None.

37/21 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday, 20th May 2021

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday, 20th May 2021 were taken as read and APPROVED.

PROPOSED:- Councillor Mrs Stringer . SECONDED:- Councillor Mrs Kelly.
Carried unanimously. NB. No meeting in June because of the coronavirus pandemic.

38/21 Matters arising from those minutes.

- a) 27/21 Councillor Waite confirmed that several potholes had been repaired in Marton, with repair staff apparently now willing to attend to adjacent problems.
- b) 29/21 (c) Councillor Waite reported that he had been approached by the owner of The Old Chapel, Marton, who had pointed out that the reference in the minute to a retrospective application was somewhat misleading as it should only have been applied to the additional side building and not the whole of the development.
- c) 30/21 (b) Councillor Mrs Kelly asked whether anything further was known about Cross-a Moor roundabout, given that work was meant to have started by now. It would appear that work had been deferred until the bird-nesting season had finished.
- d) 30/21 (c) Councillor Mrs Kelly enquired as to the litter-picking arrangements and the Clerk, together with Borough Councillor Edwards, confirmed that this had been successful, with parts of the A590 being cleaned. The working party included the local MP, Simon Fell, as well as Borough and Parish councillors. It was noted that one particular stretch of road, adjacent to Maidenlands Farm and The Old Chapel in Marton, was badly littered with soft-drinks cans and the like and that this area would need regular monitoring.

39/20 Attendance of officer from Cumbria Constabulary

There was no officer in attendance.

Two thefts had been reported to the police, 3 empty gas bottles from Marton and a plant pot containing a 3 foot tree from Lindal.

40/21 Charging points, electric vehicles.

Councillor Fleming commented on recent discussions with other bodies regarding the future needs of the community for electric vehicle charging points, this being a particular problem for car-owners with no off-road parking. In addition, Barrow Borough Council is also investigating this matter, with an officer, a Mike Otto, willing to attend a Parish Council meeting to explain further. After a brief discussion, when it was accepted that such developments posed significant problems for all communities, it was AGREED that Mr Otto should be invited to attend a parish council meeting when convenient.

41/21 Planning applications relating to the Parish

B13/2021/0473 Outline application, agricultural worker's dwelling, Maidenlands Tarn, Marton.

It would appear that the current occupants of the existing property wished to retire from being responsible for the operation of the farm but were anxious to remain living in the property. Family members would continue running the farm but would require accommodation on-site. It was noted that the proposed residence would be within the curtilage of the farm buildings and would not be a stand-alone development in open countryside.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs Kelly and SECONDED by Councillor Fleming that the Council offer no objections to the proposal. Carried unanimously.

42/21 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) A letter from the MP, Simon Fell, reminding constituents of his availability for face-to-face meetings in his Barrow office. A poster was enclosed. NOTED.

43/21 Finance.

- a) Account balances:- *Current* - £50: *Festivals* - £1005.48 - *Reserve* - £5513.65
- b) Payments, for formal authorisation:-
 - Archie Workman, £32 (village maintenance).
 - The Clerk, Petty cash, £50.66.It was PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs Stringer and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Kelly that such payments be formally authorised. Carried unanimously.

44/21 Any Other Business.

- a) Councillor Waite commented on the number of vehicles which seemed to be speeding through Marton and it was AGREED that the Police be requested to arrange for SID, the Speed Indicator Device, to be placed in the village.
- b) Councillor Waite referred to funding which he had been made aware of, whereby trees could be planted in appropriate areas and that Lindal's village green might benefit by such additions. The Clerk undertook to raise the matter with Barrow Borough Council.
- c) The Clerk commented on previous references to the Parish Council's website and its photographs and submitted a sample of one which might be appropriate as a substitute. Councillor Mrs Glover had previously submitted one and it was AGREED that, in the absence of Mrs Glover, further consideration of this matter would be deferred.
- d) The Clerk commented on the poppy wreaths which were always placed on the War Memorials, in Lindal and Marton, every Remembrance Sunday. These were frequently left indefinitely until the following year but because of the way they deteriorated, it was AGREED that those currently in place should be disposed of and that, in future years, they be removed at the beginning of January.
- e) Councillor Mrs Kelly commented on the re-starting of the Parish magazine, Aspects, and asked about the arrangements for the renewal of the adverts. Councillor Mrs Stringer was able to confirm that ex-councillor Howarth was willing to continue looking after such arrangements.

45/21 Date and Time of next meeting

The Date and Time of the next meeting was AGREED as Thursday 5th August 2021 at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

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