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Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 7th July, 2022 at 7.30 pm. in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

Present:- Councillors Mrs S Glover; Mrs C Stringer; N. Fleming.

Apologies:- Councillor A Waite; Councillor Mrs Kelly.

Also present: one member of the public was present.

In attendance Borough Councillor Dan Edwards.

Councillor Mrs Glover in the chair

59/22 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)

None.

60/22 Disclosure of interests. Requests for dispensations.

None.

61/22 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 2nd June 2022

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 2nd June 2022, were taken as read and APPROVED.

PROPOSED:- Councillor Fleming. SECONDED:- Councillor Mrs Stringer .

Carried unanimously.

62/22 Matters arising from those minutes.

57/22 (a) The Clerk confirmed that the points raised by the local resident in respect of pollution from noise and fumes emanating from the A590, particularly as far as Melton Terrace is concerned, had been referred to National Highways for comment and that an appropriate response had been received.

It appears that, in respect of noise, there are two areas in the Lindal area which have been identified as Noise Important Areas, ie areas where attention should be given to traffic noise, the first being Ulverston Road, as it passes through the centre of Lindal village and the second being Bank Terrace: this latter area is within Pennington parish and does not concern Lindal Parish Council. The area incorporating Melton Terrace does not fall into the category of being a Noise Important Area.

Mitigation of noise is planned for the Ulverston Road area but it is likely that this will be limited to re-surfacing the road with a special noise-reducing material. Bank Terrace properties were apparently treated with noise-insulation material but it would seem that this is limited to areas containing less than ten properties.

National Highways have indicated that Noise Important Areas yet to be attended to will be reassessed in the next couple of years but it is likely that the routine resurfacing of this stretch of the A590 will not take place until 2027/28.

Insofar as pollution from fumes is concerned, this is monitored by Barrow Borough Council and their findings are that pollution on Ulverston Road remains within the statutory limits. National Highways are aware of such findings. It is considered that Melton Terrace is of sufficient distance from the A590 as to make the impact from fumes “very small”.

The Clerk would write to the complainant accordingly.

63/22 Attendance of officer from Cumbria Constabulary

There was no officer in attendance and no written information had been received.

64/22 Emergency planning. Community response group.

Cumbria Association of Local Councils, CALC, was advising that where town and parish councils had no emergency plans in place the alternative could be the creation of an Emergency Information Sheet. This would contain details of matters such as premises which could be used for emergency shelters; community social media groups; emergency contact details of appropriate personnel, eg, local councillors etc., and copies of the Sheets would be held by the emergency services and other similar bodies such as the Ulverston Resilience Group.

Where emergencies occurred which warranted major intervention by such bodies, appropriate information would then be available.

It was AGREED that the matter be an Agenda item for the August meeting of the Council to enable names and other details to be collated.

65/12 Planning applications relating to the Parish

- a) *B18/2022/0332 Tytup Smallholdings, Lindal. Retrospective application for mixed agriculture/builder's yard operations etc. NB This application deferred from the June meeting.*

The Clerk confirmed that he had discussed with the planning department the parish council's concern about continuing allegations of illicit burning of rubbish and the dumping of waste on this site, with the complexities of the documentation associated with the planning application making it difficult to come to any conclusions.

This was also hampered by such matters as the lack of a detailed plan of the site, showing buildings, walls, earthworks etc., nor were there any details about the additional agricultural building, suggested as being required in paragraph 3.2 of the Planning Statement.

Similarly confusing was the transport form which suggests that the only transport identified relates to the private cars of the staff, together with one HGV per week for goods deliveries. This seems to be at variance with the allegations regarding numerous vehicles delivering materials for burning or dumping.

During discussions *involving the floor* it was clear that the Parish Council's disquiet over the time that this long-running saga was taking to be resolved was shared by the member of the public present.

Borough Councillor Edwards then undertook to raise the matter with officials at Barrow Town Hall. He would ask, in particular, for confirmation as to who was responsible for authorising environmental issues such as the burning of waste and the dumping of builder's waste and also suggest that the Enforcement Officer pays another visit to the site.

It was then PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs Glover and SECONDED by Councillor Fleming that the Council agree with the stance being adopted by Borough Councillor Edwards, giving him full support in his efforts to convey the Parish Council's concerns in this matter. Carried unanimously.

- b) *B28/2022/0384. 1, The Plantation, Pit Lane, Lindal. Trees subject to tree preservation order to be felled/trimmed, due to ash dieback.*

Councillor Fleming confirmed that the trees in question seemed to be suffering from ash dieback necessitating removal and replacement with native tree species and it was, therefore, PROPOSED by Councillor Fleming and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Stringer that the Council offer no objections to the application. Carried unanimously.

66/22 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) Information from Cumbria County Council had been received regarding Cumbria's Holiday Activity and Food Programme aimed at children and teenagers during the school holidays. These would be displayed on the notice boards.

67/22 Finance

- a) Account balances:- *Current* - £50: *Festivals* - £1005.81 - *Reserve* - £6132.62
- b) Payments recently made, for formal authorisation:-
 - J Smith (Clerk), Contribution towards computer costs, (£200).
 - J Smith (Clerk), petty cash, inc. kiosk fees. (£59.04).
 - JRB Enterprises, dog-waste bags, (£41.94).
- c) A request for a donation towards the North West Air Ambulance had been received and, this being an accepted charity to which the Council routinely contributed, it was agreed that a sum of £150 would be appropriate, in line with the donation to the Great North Air Ambulance.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs Glover and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Stringer that items in (b) and (c) be duly authorised. Carried unanimously.

68/22 Any Other Business.

- a) Borough Councillor Edwards referred to the proposal for the local MP, Simon Fell, to hold a surgery for constituents in the parish in August with Councillor Mrs Stringer commenting on some confusion over the date and venue. Councillor Edwards would look into the matter. (NB Subsequent to the meeting it was revealed that the surgery, followed by a litter-picking session, would be held at the Cricket Club on Saturday, 20th August, between 10am – 11am).
- b) Councillor Fleming asked about the pothole repair service, previously suggested as commencing on 20th June. The Clerk reported that, although he had been advised that such plan could no longer be followed because, allegedly, the road defects were not suitable for the repair technology being proposed, the contractor would, in fact, now be in a position to effect some repairs. The Clerk would seek further information.
- c) *From the floor* the member of the public raised the question of 1) an inaccuracy in the minutes of the last meeting as published in Aspects; 2) Road signs by the abattoir being hidden by foliage; 3) Road signs near the junction of The Green with the A590 being bent out of position; 4) Signs appearing from Open Reach advising of new phone masts.

In respect of 1), the Clerk advised that he was unable to explain the inaccuracy other than it could have been a printing error. All other issues of the minutes were accurate. Regarding items 2, 3 and 4 he would look into them.

69/22 Date and Time of next meeting

The date and time of the next meeting was AGREED as Thursday, 4th August 2022, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

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