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Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 1st September, 2022 at 7.30 pm. in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

Present:- Councillors A Waite; Mrs S Glover; N Fleming.

Apologies:- Councillors Mrs C Stringer; Mrs S Kelly.

Also present: no member of the public was present.

In attendance None.

Apologies:- PCSO J. Ward

81/22 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)

None.

82/22 Disclosure of interests. Requests for dispensations.

None.

83/22 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 4th August 2022

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

PROPOSED:- Councillor Mrs Glover; SECONDED:- Councillor A Waite.

Carried unanimously.

84/22 Matters arising from those minutes.

a) 77/22 (b) Councillor Mrs Glover referred to the suggestion of a tree being offered by a member of the public to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee, the clerk responding that nothing further had been heard. It was then noted that a local resident had offered to buy, and plant, a magnolia tree on Lindal village green in memory of her late husband. It was AGREED that the Council accept this kind offer and that Councillor Mrs Glover liaise with the resident concerned.

- b) 75/22 Councillor Fleming referred to the Emergency Planning list, with the Clerk responding that the final document would be submitted shortly.
- c) 79/22 (b) Councillor Waite reported on the last meeting of the Joint Rural Committee when the continual delays in implementing the 20 mph limit in Lindal had been discussed. At the same time he had raised the need for traffic lights at the junction of The Green with the A590, mentioning, in particular, the housing development on London Road which would add to congestion problems. County Councillor Shirley undertook to arrange a meeting when such topics could be discussed in more detail.

85/22 Attendance of officer from Cumbria Constabulary

There was no officer in attendance but details had been submitted regarding recent problems, viz:-

Crime:- burglary, with items stolen.

Public safety:- persons acting suspiciously in bus stop.

86/22 Winter Warmth Fund.

The Clerk submitted correspondence regarding the availability of grants from the Cumbria Community Fund to help older people with heating expenses, the funds being made available by voluntary donations of the winter fuel allowance and individual and local business donations.

The criteria are:-

over 60 years of age

in receipt of State pension or pension credit

or,

difficulty in maintaining an acceptable standard of living due to the cost of heating.

The normal grant is £150 or £250 in exceptional circumstances.

Interested residents should contact Age UK, Barrow: Marie Connor, 01229 831425

87/12 Planning applications relating to the Parish

None.

88/22 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.

89 /22 Finance

a) Account balances:- *Current* - £50: *Festivals* - £673.12* - *Reserve* - £6107.05*

b) Payments recently made, for formal authorisation:-

1) J Smith, Clerk, petty cash (inc kiosk fees) £60.99

2) J Smith, Clerk, half-yearly salary, £300.

3) Councillor Mrs Stringer, prizes, sundries, etc, Jubilee celebrations, £62.52.*

* Jubilee expenditure. The total net amount of expenditure in relation to the Queen's Jubilee celebrations (gross payments, minus VAT which is reclaimable) was £332.77. (Mugs £276.25; sundries £56.52)
Invoices had been paid from the Reserve account but, given that the expenditure was for a "Festival", £332.77 had now been transferred from the Festivals account into the Reserve account.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs Glover and SECONDED by Councillor Fleming that the above items be duly authorised. Carried unanimously.

90/22 Any Other Business.

Councillor Waite raised the following items:-

a) The Joint Rural Committee had discussed Parish Council elections, and projected costs, following the creation of the Westmoreland and Furness Council. The Clerk explained that the next elections were due to take place in May, 2023, with these normally coinciding with elections to the Barrow Borough Council, with Barrow hiring the Buccleuch Hall, and providing staff, for both elections at the same time. The Parish Council's share of the expenditure was limited, (£48.45 in 2019), but this was dependant on there being an uncontested election.

However, the new unitary authority, Westmoreland and Furness, would replace Barrow Council from 1st April 2023 and because elections to that new body have already taken place, the Parish Council election would need to be a stand-alone event and, at present, having to fund it itself. Should such election be uncontested the costs would be negligible but if it were contested, it has been estimated by Barrow Council that the Parish's costs could be approaching £4,000, such amount needing to be added to the precept for 2023/24. (This year's precept is £4,500)

Given that it is impossible to predict the situation at the time of the next election, the Parish Council, as things stand, would need to double it's precept to around £8,500.

The Clerk confirmed that he would be pursuing the matter further.

b) Complaints had been raised about the sight-line problems at the junction of Pit Lane and the lane coming up from Pennington Lane. After discussion, Councillor Waite undertook to discuss with the land owner the need for hedges to be cut back.

91/22 Date and Time of next meeting

The date and time of the next meeting was AGREED as Thursday, 6th October, 2022, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

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