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

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

Apologies:- Councillor Mrs Kelly.

Also present: No members of the public were present.

In attendance Barrow Borough Councillor Dan Edwards.

115/22 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)

None.

116/22 Disclosure of interests. Requests for dispensations.

None.

117/22 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 3rd November 2022

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 3rd November, were taken as read and APPROVED.

PROPOSED:- Councillor Fleming. SECONDED:- Councillor Waite.

Carried unanimously.

118/22 Matters arising from those minutes.

- a) 108/22. The Clerk confirmed that the Borough and County Councils had been advised of the need to trim overhanging trees and bushes.
- b) 113/22 (b) Some leaf-clearance had now taken place within Lindal and blocked drains had been seen-to by the lengthman, with others referred to the County Council.
- c) 112/22 (c) Councillor Fleming referred to the need for professional attention to the electricity supply in the kiosk in Marton, soon to house the defibrillator. Further decisions on this would be deferred for further discussions with appropriate individuals.

119/22 Attendance of officer from Cumbria Constabulary

There was no officer in attendance and no details had been submitted regarding recent problems.

120/22 20 mph speed limit, Lindal.

It was reported that the signage in connection with the proposed 20 mph speed limit in Pit Lane, Lindal, was due for completion by 31 March 2023. Insofar as the electronic speed indicator was concerned, it was noted that the Parish Council was expected to take full responsibility for the procurement of such equipment. It was, therefore, AGREED that further consideration of this matter be deferred pending the outcome of discussions with Highways Department.

121/22 Change of parliamentary constituency boundaries.

It was NOTED that the Government was consulting on the proposals to change parliamentary constituency boundaries, seemingly in order to equalise population numbers in the constituencies. This would see the local constituency of Barrow and Furness expanding its boundaries to include Ravenglass and Eskdale. It was AGREED that no comment was needed at this time.

122/22 Planning applications relating to the Parish

a) 28/2022/0833 The Plantation, Pit Lane, Lindal. Felling of trees subject to Tree Preservation Orders, TPOs.

Reference was made to previous applications for tree felling in this particular area and it was accepted that diseased trees would need attention. It was, therefore, PROPOSED by Councillor Fleming and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Stringer that the Council confirm that it had no objections to this application. Carried unanimously.

123/22 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) Notification from Lindal and Marton Primary School that it was planning to join the Furness Education Trust. NOTED.

124/22 Finance

- a) Account balances:- *Current* - £50: *Festivals* - £673.56 - *Reserve* - £5008.51
- b) Payments recently made, for formal authorisation:-
 - 1) Archie Workman, maintenance: £80.
 - 2) The Clerk, petty cash: £74.87.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs Glover and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Stringer that the payments shown in item (b) be duly approved. Carried unanimously.

125/22 Any Other Business.

a) Councillor Fleming reported on concerns being expressed by the school, LAMPS, on the problems of motorists ignoring the parking restriction signs outside the school, whilst dropping-off or collecting pupils. The resultant congestion was felt to be a danger to both staff and pupils.

From the floor, Borough Councillor Edwards commented on similar problems being experienced by Ireleth School and it was then AGREED that the school should liaise with Ireleth School to make a joint approach to the Police to see whether any action could be taken to ameliorate the situation.

b) The Clerk referred to the long-standing difficulties associated with Tytop Smallholdings and the outstanding planning application. It would seem that the Agent had been approached yet again for clarification over certain issues within the application.

c) Insofar as parish elections were concerned (see minute 101/22, October 2022) a report was being submitted to the new Westmorland and Furness Authority by Authority officers recommending that any election expenses which might be incurred by parishes in May 2023 be fully funded by the Authority as one-off expenditure.

d) The question of funding for the Christmas tree and lights on Lindal village green, currently supplied and paid for by Barrow Borough Council, was discussed, given the lack of information as to funding arrangements once Westmorland and Furness took over in 2023. The company erecting/removing the tree and lights had provided a quotation for 2023 in the sum of £975 (excluding a tree) and, after discussion, it was PROPOSED by Councillor Fleming and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Glover that, as a precautionary measure, the budget for the coming year should include an amount of £1250 for this item, with the budget as a whole being submitted for discussion and approval at the January meeting.

126/22 Date and Time of next meeting

The date and time of the next meeting was AGREED as Thursday, 5th January, 2023, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

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