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Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 5th January 2023 at 7.30 pm. in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

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

Apologies:- N/A

Also present: No members of the public were present.

In attendance Apologies from Barrow Borough Councillor Dan Edwards.

1/23 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)

None.

2/23 Disclosure of interests. Requests for dispensations.

None.

3/23 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 1st December 2022

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 1st December 2022, were taken as read and APPROVED.

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

Carried unanimously.

4/23 Matters arising from those minutes.

118/22 (c) Councillor Fleming reported that, in conjunction with Councillor Waite who had stripped out the bookshelves, he had installed the custom-made defibrillator container in the Marton kiosk and arrangements were in hand for this to be connected to the electricity supply. It was AGREED that a note be prepared for "Aspects" inviting any resident who felt that they might benefit from training in the use of the defibrillator to come forward. Should there be sufficient interest, this would be arranged with the Ambulance Service.

5/23 Attendance of officer from Cumbria Constabulary

There was no officer in attendance. Details had been submitted regarding recent problems, viz,

November:-Report of abandoned vehicle with flat tyre. Road Traffic incident; minor damage, no injuries.

December:- no information submitted.

6/23 Planning applications relating to the Parish

a) 28/2022/0859, *The Plantation, Pit Lane, Lindal. Felling of trees subject to Tree Preservation Orders, TPOs.*

It was noted that this was the third such application relating to this particular area of trees, all from different land-owners, whereby clumps of trees allegedly could potentially affect separate properties. It was PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs Kelly and SECONDED by Councillor Fleming that the Council confirm that it had no objections to this application. Carried unanimously.

7/23 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.

8/23 Finance

a) Account balances:- *Current - £50: Festivals - £673.56 - Reserve - £4936.48*

b) Payments recently made, for formal authorisation:-

1. The Clerk, Marton Christmas Tree, £75.

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

c) Financial summary to date. Budget for 2023/24.

It was noted that the precept for the current year, 2022/23, was £4,500, whereas the proposed budget for 2023/24 amounted to some £5,700. This latter amount included a sum of £1,250 as a precautionary allocation to fund Christmas Trees and lights, should the new Westmorland and Furness Authority be unwilling to make such funding.

After discussion, it was PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs Kelly and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Glover that the precept for 2023/24 be £5,500.

Carried unanimously.

NB. This would equate to £17.39 for 12 months for a band D property.

9/23 Any Other Business.

a) Councillor Waite reported that a burst water main on the road from Lindal to Marton had resulted in the road being closed to effect repairs, although such repairs were not expected to take too long.

b) Councillor Waite also commented on recent accidents on the same stretch of road due to ice forming during the recent cold spell. It was suggested that a grit bin would be useful in this area and the Clerk undertook to pursue the matter.

c) Councillor Mrs Stringer reported that the resident who voluntarily collected litter from the local area was concerned about litter being left by local food delivery services. The Clerk confirmed that he would discuss the matter with the appropriate bodies.

d) Reference was made to correspondence from a company, “Char.gy”, (sic), offering to investigate the potential for the installation of electric vehicle (EV) charging points in the parish. Allithwaite and Cartmel Parish Council was in discussions with Char.gy regarding charging points in that parish and further information was expected in due course.

Information had also been received from the Cumbria EV Partnership which is investigating the need for charging points through the On-street Residential Charging Scheme, ORCS, with a view to securing government funding for their installation. Further details were expected from Cumbria EV Partnership

It was AGREED that consideration of EV charging points within Lindal and Marton be deferred until more information was available.

10/23 Date and Time of next meeting

The date and time of the next meeting was AGREED as Thursday, 2nd February, 2023, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

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