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Mr A Waite (462922) Mrs S Glover (462383) Mrs S Kelly (465343) Mrs C Stringer (464781) Mr N Fleming (466040)

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 2nd March 2023 at 7.30 pm. in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

<u>Present</u>:- 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 Barrow Borough Councillor Dan Edwards.

21/23 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)

None.

22/23 Disclosure of interests. Requests for dispensations.

None.

23/23 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 2nd February 2023

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 2nd February 2023, were taken as read and APPROVED.

PROPOSED:- Councillor Mrs Glover. SECONDED:- Councillor Fleming. Carried unanimously.

24/23 Matters arising from those minutes.

a) 14/23 (a) Councillor Fleming confirmed that the wiring of the Marton kiosk, in order to activate the defibrillator, had now been completed. The Clerk would write to Optech to express the Council's appreciation. A notice would be prepared for "Aspects" to advise local residents of the equipment's availability and the Ambulance Service would be contacted to discuss the possibility of a training session. (Two members of the public had expressed an interest in this).

Councillor Waite would look to replacing the bookshelves/books.

b) 19/23 (a) It was confirmed the Coronation would be celebrated by a Jacob's Join afternoon tea on Sunday, 7th May, together with entertainment and competitions. It was also agreed that special Coronation mugs would be bought for the local school children. c) 16/23 (a) Councillor Mrs Glover reported that certain residents in close proximity to the site of the proposed concrete batching plant, such as the Bowling Club, had not been informed of the proposals. The Clerk undertook to advise Cumbria County Council of this problem.

25/23 Attendance of officer from Cumbria Constabulary

There was no officer in attendance. No information had been received.

Councillor Fleming reported that the school, LAMPS, was experiencing further difficulties with the inconsiderate parking of cars as and when parents were dropping-off and collecting their children. The headmistress was requesting assistance from the Police in this regard and the Clerk undertook to forward the request to the appropriate authorities.

26/23 Planning applications relating to the Parish

a) Re-consultation notice. B18/2022/0332. Use of land and buildings (part retrospective) and associated retrospective engineering operations, for mixed use of agriculture, building contractor's yard, outdoor storage, and workshop. Tytup Smallholdings, Tytup, Lindal.

This was the latest application in a series going back to at least 2008, with concerns frequently being expressed by the Council on behalf of local residents during that time regarding operations on the site. These were predominately in connection with regular bonfires and dumping on the site of waste materials, with a report that, on that very day (2nd March), three large HGVs had been seen entering the site and dumping loads of material.

Documentation submitted with the current application was comprehensive but, without access to the full history of the applications and the various approvals and refusals, together with conditions for use and other documents, members found it difficult to make a rational assessment of the current situation.

Points made by members included a query as to whether the crushing of aggregates was an approved activity and whether the bund retaining wall had been approved. The reference to the site having been a municipal tip was also questioned, with members only being aware of a tip at one time being in a field some distance away across the adjoining road on the western side of the site.

The Transport Form indicated that there would be approximately ten journeys to and from the site each day, by car, implying that this was for the staff, and that "freight" would be limited to "I per week". This latter figure seemed inappropriate, given the nature of the activities associated with "engineering operations, building contractors yard, workshop" etc and, regardless of the vehicles recently seen dumping material, the movement of commercial vehicles belonging to the site did not appear to have been identified.

However, there was still considerable uncertainty as to the precise nature of the operations taking place. For example, the suggestion by the applicant that there would only be one "materials delivery by builders merchant" per week is seemingly at odds with the declared use of the site. Such materials would either be for use on site, which raises the question of further planning applications, or for distribution to the applicant's building sites elsewhere, in which case reference needs to be made to the transport movements involved.

It was noted that the passage of time could mean that some, or all, of the operations on the site could be approved and it was also accepted that any nuisance would be limited in its extent because of the relatively isolated nature of the site.

It was then PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs Glover and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Kelly that, bearing in mind the on-going concerns of the residents who lived nearest to the site, together with the confusing nature of the assertions made by the applicant, the Council confirm that it was unwilling to support the application. Carried unanimously.

27/23 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.

28/23 Finance

- a) Account balances:- Current £50: Festivals £674.86 Reserve £3329.83
- b) Payments recently made, for formal authorisation:-
 - 1. Mr J Smith, Clerk, £300, balance of annual remuneration.
 - 2. Mr J Smith, Clerk, £85, contribution towards new printer.
 - 3. Mr J Smith, Clerk, £55, petty cash.
 - 4. Mr J Bentley, Internal auditor, £37, annual fee.
 - 5. Buccleuch Hall, £300, rent of premises. It was PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs Stringer and SECONDED by Councillor Fleming that item (b) be confirmed. Carried unanimously.

29/23 Any Other Business.

- a) Councillor Waite raised the question of the need for pruning of the yew trees which were set by the War Memorial in Marton: the Clerk undertook to raise the matter with the appropriate authorities.
- b) Councillor Fleming asked about the proposed 20 mph speed limit in Lindal, the Clerk confirming that nothing further had been heard about implementing the scheme but he would make enquiries.
- c) Councillor Mrs Kelly suggested that there were further problems relating dog faeces being left in areas around Lindal village green. It was agreed that a notice be prepared fpr "Aspects" asking residents to be more civic-minded in clearing up after their dogs.

30/23 Date and Time of next meeting

The date and time of the next meeting was AGREED as Thursday, 6th April, 2023, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

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