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Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday, 6th July 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: Two members of the public were present.

In attendance N/A

64/23 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)

None.

65/23 Disclosure of interests. Requests for dispensations.

None.

66/23 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 1st June 2023

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 1st June 2023, were taken as read and APPROVED.

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

Carried unanimously.

67/23 Matters arising from those minutes.

- a) 62/23 (a) Councillors Mrs Glover and Mrs Stringer reported on the meeting they had attended on 13 June 2023 regarding the Heritage programme. They had learnt of further examples of grants being made available for such things as new lawnmowers for use in Church cemeteries and a grant towards a dry-stone walling course in connection with Church boundary walls.

Additional suggestions regarding the parish included the collecting and putting on display various historical artefacts and memorabilia; the collating of memories from the older residents of the community, possibly incorporating the late Roy Mason's

articles, previously published in “Aspects” which were currently on the community website.

It was then AGREED that an appropriate article be published in “Aspects” inviting residents to come forward with suitable ideas with an invitation to contact the Clerk or any councillor with suggestions.

68/23 Attendance of officer from Cumbria Constabulary

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

69/23 Christmas Trees and lighting; new arrangements.

The Clerk confirmed staff of the new local authority, Westmorland and Furness Council (WFC), would continue this year with existing arrangements in that they would order and arrange for the erection and lighting of the Christmas Tree on Lindal village green. From 2024 onwards, this would be the responsibility of individual parish/town councils.

However, whilst the parish had already provided for this additional expenditure, there was some concern over the expectation that it would be responsible for the ordering, erection and lighting of what would be a fairly substantial tree. It had already been suggested that it would seem reasonable for WFC to keep this responsibility, utilising the experienced ex-Barrow Council staff, and re-charging the parish accordingly. Such arrangements would also allow for bulk purchases where appropriate.

Such suggestion had not been acknowledged by WFC but discussions were to be held in the near future to clarify the working relationships between local councils – Lindal, Askam and Dalton – and WFC at which time it was hoped to raise this particular subject.

70/23 Charging for green waste collections.

Reference was made to the continuing concerns amongst local residents about the charge being levied by WFC for the collection of green waste, with this being specific to the Barrow Borough Council area. WFC council member, Dyan Jones, was quoted as saying that:-

“The work to harmonise waste and recycling collections.....will be a significant project and require considerable investment and planning.”

If that service became free.....that would likely result in more people in Barrow requesting the service which means more bins needing to be purchased.....and possibly more wagons and staff required”.

In addition, WFC was awaiting the publication of the Government’s National Waste and Resources Strategy which could have further implications for the way in which WFC’s waste collection service was implemented.

It was AGREED that, whilst the present situation was unsatisfactory no further action was possible at the present time.

69/23 Planning applications relating to the Parish. None

70/23 Correspondence. 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.

71/23 Finance

- a) Account balances: - *Current* - £50: *Festivals* - £165.60 - *Reserve* - £8270.53
- b) Payments recently made, for formal authorisation: -
 - 1 Mr J Smith (Clerk) petty cash (kiosk maintenance).
 - 2 Archie Workman, village maintenance, £20.It was PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs Glover and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Kelly that such payments be duly authorised. Carried unanimously

72/23 Any Other Business.

- a) Councillor Waite mentioned a comment from a local resident on the apparent high cost of the dog-waste bags which were provide by the Council free of charge in a special dispenser adjacent to Lindal village green. These were specifically designed for the dispenser and consequently were not necessarily the cheapest bags available. It was also pointed out that the VAT paid on such items was reclaimable.
- b) Councillor Mrs Kelly commented on the disturbance being experienced by incessant dog-barking in a property near to her house. *From the floor*; came a similar report, with the suggestion that it could be the same animal, and that this had been reported to the appropriate authorities, with no feed-back as yet.
- c) *From the floor*; a request was put forward regarding the possibility of a small strip of land being made available in the children's park/playground, opposite the school, LAMPS, for the exercising of dogs. This would involve fencing-off a strip running at right angles to Pit Lane, alongside the field hedge. It was said that there was no public land in the immediate vicinity of the village which was suitable for dogs and that providing such a facility, with waste bins etc, could help alleviate the problem of dog waste occasionally fouling pavements.
Councillor Fleming said¹ that the school had always owned the land in question and that the new Academy, of which LAMPS was now a member, was now the owner. Despite the park seemingly being little used, it was, in fact, used enough to suggest that the idea would be rejected and consequently, the Parish Council would be unwilling to take the matter forward. However, there was nothing to stop individual members of the public pursuing the matter themselves.
- d) *From the floor*; concern was expressed about the speeding traffic on the A590 as it passed through Lindal. With the opening of the new housing estate off London Road, and the consequential increase in traffic movements on and off the A590, and in the absence of traffic lights, such a speed limit could be hazardous and should be reduced. The Chairman pointed that this had been the subject of numerous approaches to National Highways and the response had always been that the circumstances did not justify any changes to the arrangements currently in force. However, the Clerk reminded the meeting that National Highways was intending to conduct a survey of the A590 in the near future when matters like traffic lights and speed limits would be reassessed.

73/23 Date and Time of next meeting

The date and time of the next meeting was AGREED as Thursday, 3rd August, 2023, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

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