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Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday, 2nd November 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 Westmorland and Furness Councillor Dan Edwards.
Police Sergeant Paul Holmes, Cumbria Constabulary.

104/23 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)

Planning application B21/2023/0693. Spinning Croft, Station Terrace, Lindal. To be considered under agenda item 11, Planning Applications relating to the Parish.

105/23 Disclosure of interests. Requests for dispensations.

None.

106/23 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 5th October 2023

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 5th October 2023, were taken as read and APPROVED.

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

Carried unanimously.

107/23 Matters arising from those minutes.

None.

108/23 Attendance of officer from Cumbria Constabulary

The Chairman welcomed Sergeant Paul Holmes, Cumbria Constabulary, who was making his first appearance at the Parish Council meeting. Sergeant Holmes referred to organisational changes which were taking place within the Constabulary which were

designed to give towns and parishes in the area better police coverage. He mentioned the Drill Hall in Dalton which had been underused for some time as a police hub, with an expansion in the use of PCSOs planned to rectify this. He also emphasised the availability of the PCSO role for anyone wishing to join the Police Force.

Sgt Holmes gave details of incidents in the Parish during October: -

2 Road Traffic Incidents, 1 involving a solitary vehicle; 1 involving three vehicles, with one absconding and untraced so far.

1 incident of fraudulent activity using Facebook.

Sgt Holmes said that he hoped to call in at Parish Council meetings on a quarterly basis but confirmed that details of any incidents involving the Police would be reported monthly.

109/23 Community "Heritage" developments

The Clerk reported that, together with Councillor Mrs Glover, he had had further meetings with Ms Charlotte Hawley from the Dock Museum and agreement had been reached on the format of an application for a grant under the Heritage scheme to develop the existing mining heritage display in St Peter's Church. This would be to fund items such as an additional community web-site, to include photos etc; android tablet, with stand, plus light box, for photos etc; display boards and cabinets; additions to the existing model pit-head; compilation of a booklet of the late Roy Mason's historical jottings.

Costs amounted to around £2,770 and the application form and supporting documents had been submitted to Westmorland and Furness Council on 13 October 2023. All submissions for grants were to be assessed on 2 November, with recommendations then going to senior personnel for ratification. A decision on the outcome was awaited.

110/23 Annual Assessment of Standing Orders, Risk Management Policy and Financial arrangements.

Councillor Fleming confirmed that he had spoken to the Internal Auditor, John Bentley, who indicated that the financial arrangements of the Council were satisfactory. There were no changes required to the Standing Orders nor the Risk Management Policy and it was, therefore, PROPOSED by Councillor Fleming and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Kelly that all such policies be agreed as needing no amendments or alterations. Carried unanimously

111/23 Adoption of Adult Safeguarding Policy, Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy and Equal Opportunities Policy.

The Clerk reported on discussions with Westmorland and Furness Council regarding the application for a grant under the Heritage programme when it had been agreed that, in order to bring the Parish Council into line with other organisations, it would be appropriate to formally adopt an Adult Safeguarding Policy, a Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy and an Equal opportunities Policy. W and F Council had provided standard examples of such policies

During discussion, the size and make-up of the Parish Council was considered, the view being that the likelihood of such policies ever being required was not very high and it was,

therefore, agreed that adopting such policies as they stood would be sufficient. It was, then PROPOSED by Councillor Fleming and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Glover that such policies be adopted. Carried unanimously.
(copies to be provided to Council members)

112/23 Changes to Postal and Proxy voting.

Correspondence from Westmorland and Furness council was discussed which referred to changes in the law relating to postal and proxy voting. The principal points were that applicants for same would need to provide their National Insurance numbers: applications can be made by post or on-line: postal vote permissions will last for three years: proxy voting can last indefinitely. It was AGREED that details would be included in the next copy of "Aspects".

113/23 Planning applications relating to the Parish

- a) *B21/2023/0640, 28 The Green, Lindal. Victorian-style orangery to rear elevation.*
B23/2023/0641 -ditto- Listed Building consent.

It was AGREED that these two applications could be considered together.

It was noted that insofar as the Listed Building designation, in particular, was concerned, there were no representations from any local residents about the application and it was, therefore, PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs Kelly and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Glover that the Parish Council offer no objections to both the applications.

- b) *B21/2023/0693, Spinning Croft, Station Terrace, Lindal. Replacement garage and workshop: new vehicle access.*

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Fleming and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Kelly that the Parish Council offer no objections to this application. Carried unanimously.

114/23 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.

115/23 Finance

- a) Account balances: - *Current* - £50: *Festivals* - £166.40 - *Reserve* - £7233.11
b) Payments recently made, for formal authorisation: -
1) "Aspects", £400.
2) JRB Enterprises, dog-waste bags, £41.94.
3) British Legion, Poppy-Day wreaths, £34.
4) Archie Workman, maintenance, £20.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs Glover and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Kelly that such payments be approved. Carried unanimously.

116/23 Any Other Business.

- a) The Clerk reported that he would be unable to attend the wreath-laying ceremony at Lindal War Memorial on Sunday, 13th November and that Councillor Mrs Glover would take his place. The Chairman would attend the ceremony in Marton. NB There were no

wreaths to be laid on behalf of Westmorland and Furness Council, the successors to Barrow Borough Council.

b) Councillor Waite reported that the wooden fence at the bottom of Snipe Ghyll had been damaged by an unknown vehicle. The Clerk would report this to the Wind Farm company who had installed the fence at the time the corner of the lane was adjusted to allow for wind turbine movements.

c) The Chairman commented on comments he had received from some residents about water flowing down Snipe Ghyll. During discussion it was noted that no properties were seemingly affected and the problem only arose during very wet weather. Previous difficulties regarding floodwaters in this area were also mentioned, when the county council had been involved, and it was considered that residents should approach W and F Council directly if they had continuing concerns.

d) The Clerk was asked for clarification on the subject of Christmas Trees and he confirmed that W and F Council would provide everything for Lindal for 2023, with Councillor Waite co-ordinating the provision of a Tree for Marton. The current arrangements for 2024 onwards were that parishes and town councils would take full responsibility for such matters.

e) *From the floor*, comments were made about problems associated with the small piece of unmade highway adjacent to Drovers Court in Lindal. Concerns were expressed about some residents using portions of such land for their own purposes, laying odd paving stones, for example, to the detriment of other local residents. The Clerk explained that, as the highway was an unadopted road, W and F Council's Highways Department had no responsibility for the road, nor its upkeep, and problems between neighbours regarding the road were a civil matter, with complainants needing to seek legal advice.

f) *From the floor*, W and F Councillor Dan Edwards reported that the waste bin, previously mentioned in minute 92/23(e) (September), had now been provided for the Melton bus stop. He also confirmed that implementation of the long-awaited 20 mph speed limit scheme for Pit Lane was imminent.

117/23 Date and Time of next meeting

The date and time of the next meeting was AGREED as Thursday 7th December, 2023, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

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