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Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday, 7th December 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: One member of the public was present.

In attendance None.

118/23 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)

None.

119/23 Disclosure of interests. Requests for dispensations.

None.

120/23 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 7th November 2023

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 7th November 2023, were taken as read and APPROVED.

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

Carried unanimously.

121/23 Matters arising from those minutes.

a) 116.23 (a) Councillor Waite confirmed that he had attended the wreath-laying ceremony at the Marton War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday and referred to disappointment expressed by members of the community at the absence of any wreath from the Westmorland and Furness Council, given that Barrow Borough Council had always supplied wreaths in previous years. The Clerk explained that W&F had not supplied such items to any town or parish council. It was NOTED that W&F Councillor Dan Edwards had supplied his own wreath for this ceremony.

b) 116/23 (b). Councillor Waite confirmed that the fence at the foot of Snipe Ghyll had now been repaired.

c) 116/23 (c) *from the floor*; A local resident suggested that the problems associated with flooding on Snipe Ghyll were such that the appropriate authorities need to be informed of what was suggested as flagrant breaches of the law insofar as watercourse management was concerned. It was alleged that a stream had been diverted from a field to the road and that debris was being washed down, with ice forming in cold weather, both issues being a health and safety issue to motorists, cyclists and walkers. In addition, the water was making its way into another field and causing flooding on the Lindal to Marton road at the area known as Broken Bridge.

The Clerk undertook to raise these issues with the authorities concerned.

122/23 Attendance of officer from Cumbria Constabulary

No officer was in attendance but details had been submitted of incidents involving the Parish, viz;

"a) Report of RTC on the A590 at Lindal-In-Furness with car on its side, appears that one vehicle has hit the other to the side causing a slight injury to driver- investigations continue

b) Report of RTC on the A590 at Lindal-In-Furness causing serious injury, Car vs Tractor, male in the car was airlifted to Preston hospital for urgent treatment, Cumbria Roads Policing Unit investigating."

123/23 Proposals re extending 20 mph speed limits

Consideration was given to information received from Westmorland and Furness Council regarding the adoption by W&F of a 20-mph speed limit policy in September 2023. This would enable town and parish councils to submit applications for the implementation of such limits within the confines of their towns/villages, providing set criteria were met. This would not apply to trunk roads such as the A590, which is the responsibility of National Highways.

Reference was also made to an already-approved scheme for a 20-mph limit to be applied to portions of the road network in Lindal village, such scheme incorporating Pit Lane, from the school, down past the Green, and round towards St Peter's Church. This was seemingly scheduled for completion in January 2024.

It was noted that any application for additional speed limits would require a considerable amount of information covering items such as known safety issues; the amount of local support; availability of match funding; potential for increase in walking; confidence that the limit would be adhered to etc.

It was further noted that the first phase of applications will be open until 16 February 2024, with subsequent phases to follow and it was then PROPOSED by Councillor Waite and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Kelly that, bearing in mind that there was an approved scheme still outstanding, no further action should be taken at this time. Carried unanimously.

124/23 Planning applications relating to the Parish

None.

125/23 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.

126/23 Finance

- a) Account balances: - *Current* - £50: *Festivals* - £166.40 - *Reserve* - £7161.73
- b) Payments recently made, for formal authorisation: -
 - 1) Archie Workman, maintenance, £80.
- c) Request for donation, Great North Air Ambulance.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs Kelly and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Stringer that item (b) be approved and that a donation of £150 be authorised regarding item (c) Carried unanimously.

127/23 Any Other Business.

- a) The Clerk reported on an offer from Cumbria Police to have an officer attend a council meeting to give a talk on fraud prevention. It was AGREED that such an offer be accepted and that an appropriate item be included in "Aspects" for members of the public to attend if they so wished. NB. A date in April would be suggested to the officer concerned.
- b) Councillor Mrs Glover suggested that more salt/grit, together with additional bins, would be useful, given the early onset of wintery conditions. The Clerk would pursue this issue.
- c) Councillor Mrs Kelly drew attention to the fallen trees/bushes across the path leading to the bus-stop at the top of Melton Terrace. The Clerk would advise W&F Highways.

128/23 Date and Time of next meeting

The date and time of the next meeting was AGREED as Thursday 4th January 2024, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

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