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

Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday, 4th January 2024 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 W&F Councillor Dan Edwards.
Sgt Paul Holmes, Cumbria Police.

1/24 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)

None.

2/24 Disclosure of interests. Requests for dispensations.

None.

3/24 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 7th December 2023

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

PROPOSED: - Councillor Mrs Stringer: SECONDED: - Councillor Mrs Kelly. Carried unanimously.

4/24 Matters arising from those minutes.

a) 127/23 (a) It was reported that DC Claire Keyes, the police officer involved with fraud prevention, would be unable to attend the Parish Council meeting scheduled for 4 April 2024. However, she was available for the annual General Meeting scheduled for 2 May.

It was then AGREED that DC Keyes be invited to that meeting and that the event be publicised in the issues of "Aspects "scheduled for both April and May.

b) 121/23 (c) The Clerk confirmed that Westmorland and Furness Council had been advised by email on 14 December of the concerns relating to flooding on Snipe Ghyll but the only response had been an automated reply indicating that "it will be passed to the relevant officer". I was noted that nothing further had been heard and the Clerk would now follow this up.

5/24 Attendance of officer from Cumbria Constabulary

Sergeant Paul Holmes was in attendance and submitted details of events affecting the Parish in December 2023, viz,

Anti-social behaviour: nil.

Road accidents: no reports.

Crimes recorded: nil.

Miscellaneous: after report from member of the public, motorist stopped on A590 and arrested for drink-driving.

Vehicle "uplifted" for no insurance, 22nd December, on A590, Lindal.

Report of tree blocking road, 3 December.

Sgt Holmes also commented on the availability of the portable SID, the Speed Indicator Device, which had been used by the parishes on a rota system some years ago. After discussion, it was AGREED that this device should be deployed in the first instance on Pit Lane, in Lindal, and on any subsequent occasion, on the A590.

He was also able to confirm that arrangements to employ more PCSOs were proceeding satisfactorily. Similarly, he reported that the use of hand-held speed cameras, by police officers, was going to be reintroduced into the community and that he would be using this device himself shortly in Lindal.

6/24 Planning applications relating to the Parish

None.

7/24 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.

8/24 Finance

a) Account balances: - *Current* - £50: *Festivals* - £167.00- *Reserve* - £6446.07

b) Payments recently made, for formal authorisation:

1) Buccleuch Hall, Christmas Party, £400.

- 2) JRB Enterprises, dog waste bags, £41.94.
- 3) J Smith (Clerk) petty cash, £131.49. (inc. Marton Xmas tree; kiosk fees)

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs Kelly and SECONDED by Councillor Fleming that item (b) be approved. Carried unanimously.

- c) Discussions took place regarding the current financial position, together with the suggested requirements for 2024/25. It was noted that the net requirement for next year, via the precept, after taking into account underspendings to be carried forward, was around £4,700. It was also noted that the precept for the current year was £5,500.

It was then PROPOSED by Councillor Fleming and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Kelly that the precept for 2024/25 be £5,000. Carried unanimously.

10/24 Any Other Business.

Councillor Mrs Kelly referred once more to the problem of nuisance caused by barking dogs which she had mentioned at previous meetings - July (72/23 (b)); September (87/23 (b)); and October (97/23 (b)) - outlining her continuing concerns.

From the floor, a local resident offered further observations and comments on the subject, but without the discussions reaching any conclusion.

It was emphasised that the Parish Council had no jurisdiction over matters such as nuisance, as had been said before on numerous occasions, and that complainants would need to refer such problems to the Westmorland and Furness Council, whose environmental health officers had the power to intervene, if necessary.

No further discussion on the subject would take place.

Date and Time of next meeting

The date and time of the next meeting was AGREED as Thursday 1 February, 2024, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

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