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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday, 2nd May 2024 at 7.30 pm. in St Peter's Church, Lindal.

Present:- Councillors A Waite; Mrs S Glover; Mrs C Stringer; N Fleming.

Apologies:- Councillor Mrs S Kelly

Also present: Three members of the public were present.

In attendance PCSO Talitha Kirkham, Cumbria Constabulary.

Apologies. W&F Councillor Dan Edwards

35/24 Election of Chair.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs Glover and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Stringer that Councillor Waite be Chairman for the coming year. Carried unanimously.

36//24 Special presentation on Fraud Prevention, DC Clair Keyes, Cumbria Constabulary.

DC Keyes explained that her role involved speaking to victims of fraud, advising them in how to cope with actual or potentially fraudulent activity, and collecting information about the various kinds of fraud, or "scams" which were currently prevalent. Her advice could be summarised thus:-

Take Five.

STOP: Taking a moment to stop and think before parting with your money or Information could keep you safe.

CHALLENGE : Could it be fake? It's OK to reject, refuse or ignore any requests. Only Criminals will try to rush or panic you.

PROTECT: contact your bank immediately if you think you've fallen for a scam and report it to Action Fraud.

Find out more at - takefive-stopfraud.org.uk
or www.actionfraud.police.uk 0300 123 29040

37/24 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)

None

38/24 Disclosure of interests. Requests for dispensations.

None.

39/24 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 4th April 2024

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 4th April 2024, were taken as read and APPROVED.

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

40/24 Matters arising from those minutes.

a) 33/24 (a) Councillor Waite enquired as to any developments regarding the flooding issues at Broken Bridge. The Clerk confirmed that this had been referred to W&F Council and that he had raised the matter again at a recent meeting with the appropriate officer, together with a reminder about the outstanding query involving Snipe Ghyll. He was awaiting replies.

b) 33/24 (b) Councillor Mrs Glover commented once again on the way in which the dog-waste bags were seemingly disappearing from the dispenser by the Buccleuch Hall, a pack of 50 bags being taken in just two days. It was AGREED that such use, and the costs, could not be justified and that, should this inexplicable use continue, the Council would have to consider abandoning this service.

Residents are reminded that these items are for emergency use only and that dog owners are expected to take full responsibility for their animals and the waste they create.

The matter would be reviewed at the June meeting.

41/24 Attendance of officer from Cumbria Constabulary

PCSO Talitha Kirkham was welcomed to the meeting and was able to supply brief details of incidents which had occurred during the previous month:-

There was, in fact, only one item to report, which involved the worrying of sheep by a stray dog. The matter had been satisfactorily resolved.

Councillor Fleming referred to the forthcoming commemorative event for the late tv personality, Dave Myers, which was forecast to involve hundreds of motorcyclists travelling to Barrow on 8 June, 2024, and which might create severe congestion on the road network. PCSO Kirkham confirmed that this possibility had been recognised by the Police but details as to how this would be managed had still to be finalised.

42/24 Planning applications relating to the Parish

B21/2024/0249 Alterations to windows and doors, front and rear, 28, Fair View, Marton.

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

43/24 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.

44 /24 Finance

- a) Account balances: - *Current* - £50: *Festivals* - £167.82- *Reserve* - £11513.41
- b) Payments recently made, for formal authorisation:-
Council annual insurance. The Clerk reported that the renewal price from the existing insurers, Clear Councils, was £326.20. Last year, the 3rd of a three-year agreement, the price had been £191.98. A further three-year agreement would involve a cost of £308.72 for each of three years. However, he had been able to find alternative, and similar insurance, from Zurich Insurance, at a cost of £241 and confirmed that this had been paid. It was PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs Stringer and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Glover that such action be APPROVED. Carried unanimously.
- c) The Clerk submitted the final documents in connection with the national audit (previously circulated to members) with two requiring formal authorisation and signature by the Chair, ie., Accounting Statements and Governance Statement, It was PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs Glover and SECONDED by Councillor Fleming that these be duly authorised and signed. Carried unanimously

45/24 Any Other Business.

From the floor, A question was raised as to the need for traffic lights at the main crossroads on the A590/ London Road and The Green, currently only served by a pedestrian-activated Pelican Crossing. Concern was expressed about the problems involved in traffic trying to gain access to the A590 from both London Road and The Green, with this inevitably getting worse as and when the housing development off London Road was completed. It was explained that this had been raised on numerous occasions with National Highways, the authority responsible, including the assessment

by that authority of the planning application for the houses, and the answer had always been the same, in that the circumstances did not justify the installation of traffic lights at that particular junction.

46/24 Date and Time of next meeting

The date and time of the next meeting was AGREED as Thursday 6th June, 2024, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

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