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Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday, 4th April 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: No members of the public were present.

In attendance PC Chloe Dixon, Cumbria Police.

23//24 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)

Local listing of Heritage items. AGREED that this item be discussed under "Report on Heritage Project", below. NB. A subject separate from the current Heritage Project.

24/24 Disclosure of interests. Requests for dispensations.

None.

25/24 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 1st February 2024

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 1st February 2024, were taken as read and APPROVED.

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

26/24 Matters arising from those minutes.

15/24 (a) Councillor Waite enquired as to any developments regarding the flooding issues on Snipe Ghyll. The Clerk confirmed that there had been no feed-back and that he would need to make further enquiries.

27/24 Attendance of officer from Cumbria Constabulary

PC Chloe Dixon was welcomed to the meeting and was able to supply brief details of incidents which had occurred during the previous month:-

- 1 Road Traffic Collision in Marton. One person with no insurance.
 - 1 Road Traffic Collision on the A590.
 - 1 burglary in Lindal. Medications stolen.
 - 1 Report of "rogue" workmen, attempting to overcharge for services.
- (see minute 28/24, below)

28/24 "Cold-Calling" warnings.

Information had been circulated by the Police regarding an example of "cold-calling" in Lindal whereby an elderly resident was approached to have gutters cleaned, the result being that the gutters were removed and more extensive work commenced without the owner's permission. In the event, no money was paid but the resident suffered distress. Residents should be aware of such problems and if in doubt, contact the Police or Citizens' Advice, 03454 04 05 06.

29/24 Report on Heritage Project.

a) It was confirmed that purchases had been made to part-utilise the grant of £3000 in respect of the Heritage Project involving St Peter's Church, ie.,

- Poster frames, to take maps, photos etc:
- android tablet and stand, complete with uploaded computer programmes:
- an additional web-site to create an internet presence.

Work was also in progress incorporating members of the Church to collate photographic material, with appropriate text, to be uploaded to the tablet, with the assistance of the Dock Museum.

Discussions then took place regarding the ownership of the current project. The Parish Council had responded to W&F Council's announcement that government funding was available for these Heritage items by choosing to support the expansion of the pit-head display.

However, in reality, the project was being directed and monitored by the members of the Church and eventually all of the financial grant will have been utilised by items supplied to the Church in order to extend and enhance the existing display. Equally, insurance

arrangements, security etc., were being handled by the Church. After due consideration it was considered more appropriate for the ownership of the items and full responsibility for maintenance etc to be transferred to the Church authorities in due course.

It was then PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs Kelly and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Stringer that, as and when the Project is completed, the items purchased by the Council in respect of the Heritage Project be formally gifted to St Peter's Church. Carried unanimously.

b) Re minute 23/24, above, further correspondence had been received on the Heritage issue in that W&F Council is now creating a local list of items of interest such as buildings of all kinds, monuments, areas or landscapes etc. and currently not formally listed under the Listed Buildings criteria or otherwise protected. NB This is not to be confused with the Government sponsored and funded Heritage Project as referred to above.

Such a new categorisation will not offer the same protection as Listed Buildings but, being locally listed, could be a material planning concern where development is concerned.

Councillor Mrs Glover was the Council's representative on W&F's working committee on this subject which was due to meet in mid-May and it was therefore, AGREED that the matter be deferred until the next meeting on 2 May in order that members could give appropriate consideration to the matter.

30/24 Planning applications relating to the Parish

B21/2024/0171 13 School Terrace, Lindal. Removal of rear conservatory and construction of dining room extension.

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

31/24 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.

32 /24 Finance

- a) Account balances: - *Current* - £50: *Festivals* - £167.00- *Reserve* - £6794.71
- b) Payments recently made, for formal authorisation:-
 - 1) Heritage Project: N. Fleming, new website, £353.52: Estate Agent Supplies; poster frames, £376.79: Blackbox-AV, android tablet and programmes, £1456.80.
 - 2) J Smith, Clerk, half-yearly honorarium, £300.
 - 3) J Benley, internal auditor, £37.

- 4) N Fleming, website maintenance, £50.
- 5) CALC (Cumbria Association of Local Councils) membership fees, including NALC (National Association of Local Councils), £241.66.

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

c) The Clerk introduced the Certificate of Exemption from the national auditors whereby authorities with a turnover of less than £25,000 per year did not need to submit their annual accounts for audit provided that 1) the Certificate of Exemption was forwarded to auditors and 2) the full range of financial documentation as specified by the auditors was made available on the council's website by 30 June 2024. The Chairman duly signed the Certificate.

33/24 Any Other Business.

a) Councillor Waite commented on the problems in the area known as Broken Bridge, on the road between Lindal and Marton, with the road being badly affected once again by flooding. The Clerk undertook to follow this up.

b) Councillor Mrs Glover raised her concerns over what seemed to be unreasonable use of the dog-waste bags which were available in a dispenser adjacent to the Buccleuch Hall. It was emphasised that the bags were only provided by the Council for use in emergencies and that under normal circumstances residents were expected to provide their own bags for their dogs. However, it would appear that, of late, more bags than usual were being taken from the dispenser leading to suspicions that they might be being used for other purposes.

Residents are reminded that it is local council-tax payers who fund the provision of these items and that they should not be removed unnecessarily.

34/24 Date and Time of next meeting

The date and time of the next meeting, the Annual General Meeting, was AGREED as Thursday 2nd May, 2024, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

(Council meetings are open to the public and all are welcome to attend. Agendas and minutes can be supplied by email to any resident on request and similarly, they can be seen, along with other documents, on the community website, www.lindal-in-furness.co.uk)

