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Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday, 1st February 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: One member of the public was present.

In attendance Sgt John Dilks, Cumbria Police.

12//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.

13/24 Disclosure of interests. Requests for dispensations.

None.

14/24 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 4th January 2024

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

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

15/24 Matters arising from those minutes.

a) 121/23 (December) The Clerk confirmed that officers from Westmorland and Furness (W&F) Council had visited that day, 1 February, in order to consider the difficulties regarding Snipe Ghyll and the flooding. They met the Chairman and a local resident and were made aware of the drainage pipe under the road which had been blocked and

which was the cause of the problem. They undertook to follow this up with their Highways colleagues.

b) 10/23 (November). The grant from the Government, via W&F Council, towards the Parish Council's plans for extending the existing historical display in St Peter's Church, had finally materialised, the amount being £3,000.

A meeting had taken place that day, 1 February, in the Church to consider the next steps but unfortunately, Charlotte Hawley, from the Dock Museum, had been unable to attend. A further meeting would be arranged.

16/24 Attendance of officer from Cumbria Constabulary

The Chairman welcomed Sgt Dilks on his first visit to the Council.

Sgt Dilks reported that the only criminal event in January within the Parish had been the theft of a large trailer and its contents, from the water treatment plant.

He commented on the recent use of the Speed Indicator Device - SID - on Pit Lane which suggested that there had been one example of speeding at 50 mph but that the vast majority kept to the 20 mph limit.

He also commented on the use of the police speed gun over recent days by his colleague Sgt Holmes which, whilst not detecting critical events, enabled him to give advice to some individual motorists.

Reference was also made to the use of a mobile police station which it was hoped could attend Lindal or Marton, perhaps on a two-monthly rota for 2-4 hours at a time. Details would be published in due course.

17/24 "Help to Save" Savings scheme for those receiving benefits

Reference was made to an existing government scheme whereby people who were receiving benefits could participate in a savings scheme which would, subject to conditions, receive a government bonus of 50% . Savings of up to £50 per month, over 4 years, would receive the bonus, maximum £1,200.

The scheme had been extended to April 2025.

It was AGREED that details of the scheme would be included in the next issue of "Aspects".

18/24 Planning applications relating to the Parish

B07/2024/0010 Variation of conditions re approved plans for housing development, London Rd, Lindal.

It was noted that the amendments, relating to matters such as layout and appearance, were relatively insignificant in terms of the overall development and, bearing in mind that construction was well advanced, in line with the planning consent, it was

PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs Glover and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Kelly that no objection be raised regarding this application. Carried unanimously.

19/24 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.

20/24 Finance

- a) Account balances: - *Current* - £50: *Festivals* - £167.00- *Reserve* - £9446.07
- b) Payments recently made, for formal authorisation:
None.

NB. The reserve account now included the special grant of £3,000 for the Heritage programme (the developments to the mining display in St Peter's Church)

21/24 Any Other Business.

- a) Councillor Waite referred to the directional signs at the junction of Pit Lane with the road leading back down to Lindal Industrial Estate. The sign indicating Lindal was again pointing in the wrong direction and the Clerk would arrange for this to be rectified.
- b) Councillor Mrs Kelly reported that she had been asked by a local resident whether the Council carried insurance. The answer was "yes".
- c) Councillor Mrs Kelly queried the parking arrangements for London Road insofar as it would be affected by the new housing development. After discussion, councillor Mrs Kelly undertook to follow this up by inspecting the plans on W&F website.

22/24 Date and Time of next meeting

There would be no meeting in March due to the Clerk's holidays. (An emergency meeting could be arranged, dependant on circumstances)

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

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