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Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 3rd April 2014, at 7.45 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

Present:- Councillors A Waite; Mrs S Glover; D Howarth; Mrs S Kelly

Apologies:- Councillor Lord.

Also present: 5 members of the public were present.

In attendance:-

County/Borough Councillor Barry Doughty. PCSO L Perry, Cumbria Constabulary.

35/14 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)

None.

36/14 Disclosure of interests. Requests for dispensations.

None.

37/14 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 13th March, 2014.

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 13th March 2014, were taken as read and APPROVED.

PROPOSED:- Councillor Howarth, SECONDED:- Councillor Mrs Glover
Carried unanimously.

38/14 Matters arising from those minutes.

33/14 (a) Councillor Mrs Kelly enquired as to the stones on the road near to the abattoir. The Clerk confirmed that this had been reported to the highways department.

39/14 Attendance of officer from Cumbria Constabulary.

PCSO Perry reported that there had been one incident of anti-social behaviour in March, together with two further burglaries, at Marton, involving outhouses being broken into. Two vehicles had been vandalised (scratched) at Crooklands Garden Centre.

From the floor, reference was made once again to the litter (beer cans etc) being left by the Church and also the continuing problem of dog-fouling.

40/14 Lindal village green. Creation of wild flower areas.

The Clerk referred to the on-going discussions regarding a wild-flower development within Lindal village green. Councillors had met Mrs Katy Millard from Barrow Parks Department in advance of the meeting, to look at how much of the green might be used and what arrangements would be put in hand should the scheme be approved. In addition, two representatives of the pre-school play-group attended to give their support to the scheme.

Mrs Millard had previously suggested that it would be practical and appropriate to limit the development of a wild-flower area to a narrow strip up to two metres wide around the boundary of the green but limited to its northern end. This would need to be sprayed twice during the coming months, with a mixture of seeds, annuals and perennials, sown in September 2014. The costs would amount to some £475, to be shared equally between Barrow Council and the Parish Council. It was PROPOSED by Councillor Waite and SECONDED by Councillor Howarth that Mrs Millard be asked to proceed with this scheme on the lines suggested. Carried unanimously.

41/14 Speed Indicator Device. Allocated weeks for Lindal and Marton.

It was reported that Dalton Town Council was compiling a list of dates when the speed indicator device would be allocated to the three councils who had contributed to its purchase, with it being deployed in Dalton for 30 weeks, Askam 16 weeks and Lindal/Marton for 6 weeks. (The original suggestion was for 5 weeks.) The Clerk had suggested that any 6 weeks, throughout the year, would be acceptable for Lindal/Marton and he was awaiting further information. Following discussion, *including the floor*, it was AGREED that the following sites be suggested for the detector during the allocated weeks:-

- Marton, by the ex-New Inn: Lane Ends: Tarn Flat.
- Lindal, by the Buccleuch Hall: the School: the War Memorial.
- Lindal, A590, by the entrance to the village, from Dalton: entrance to the village from Ulverston.

The device would be allocated for two of the weeks in Marton, with the balance of four weeks in Lindal. The Clerk would liaise with the Police regarding its use.

42/14 Planning applications relating to the Parish.

B28/2014/0123. 1) Revised car-park access and 2) use of the zoo's new facilities before highways alterations are complete. Wild Animal Park, Dalton.

The Clerk reminded councillors that item (1) had been brought to the Council's attention at the March meeting by a local resident, the Council not being aware at that time of the application. At that meeting the Council noted the proposed alterations to the zoo's new car-park whereby the agreed separate entrance and exit, some one hundred yards or so

apart, would be changed so that there was a composite entrance/exit. The result of such alteration was potentially injurious to local residents in that, in winter months, vehicles leaving the Park would be pointing headlights into the back rooms of the residents' houses and it was, therefore, agreed at the meeting that Barrow planning department be advised of the Parish Council's concerns over the proposal. An appropriate letter had been forwarded to the planning department.

Insofar as item (2) was concerned, the Animal Park wished to commission some of its new animal houses before the new car-park and associated road-works had been approved and completed, with the Park continuing to use its existing entrance and car-parks. During the discussions which followed *involving the floor* doubts were expressed about the Animal Park's ability to cope with the anticipated increase in visitor numbers by means of its existing facilities alone. It was also thought that the pressure to open the new facilities could perhaps compromise the need for a thorough assessment of the safety requirements, with reference being made to previous difficulties experienced by the Park. *From the floor*, County/Borough Councillor Doughty suggested that concerned residents should use the Freedom of Information Act to request from Barrow Council full details of incidents involving safety at the Animal Park over the last few years.

It was also pointed out the whole of the Animal Park was within Dalton Town Council's boundaries and whilst it was clear that proposals for the entrance/exit and associated road-works had a direct impact on residents within Lindal and Marton, the proposals regarding the commissioning of the new animal houses could be said to be more the concern of Dalton.

It was then PROPOSED by Councillor Howarth and SECONDED by Councillor Waite that

- the Parish Council's views regarding item (1), as embodied in the Clerk's letter to Mr Hipkiss, dated 17th March 2014, be confirmed.
- insofar as item (2) was concerned, the Parish Council should refrain from making a recommendation regarding this part of the application but should emphasise that any decision made by Barrow Council for approval should be conditional upon all appropriate measures being taken to ensure the health and safety of the public in relation to the animals and their enclosures.

Carried unanimously.

43/14 Correspondence.

- a) Planning applications relating to the whole of the Borough. There were no applications to consider
- b) Askam Library. Opening on Saturday mornings. The Clerk reported that Askam's library was now going to be open on Saturdays, from 1000 to 1300, starting on 5th April, and that Lindal and Marton PC was invited to attend on that day to mark the occasion. Normal opening hours were Monday 1500 to 1730: Tuesday 1000 to 1300: Thursday and Friday 1400 to 1700 , plus Saturday 1000 to 1300.
- c) ACT Cumbria. Spring newsletter. NOTED.
- d) Community Information and Safety. Product re-calls.
 1. Klups children's mattress. Fire Hazard
 2. Dyson fan heater. Fire hazard.

3. “Amazing Shine” nail gel curing lamp. Safety hazard.
4. CardiacSmart and Life Saver Awards.
5. Home Accident Reduction Team.

NB Full details regarding these topics can be found on the Lindal Notice Board.

44/14 Finance.

- a) Account balances:- *Current* - £50: *Festivals* - £1000.29: *Reserve* - £924.09.
- b) The Clerk referred to a request from a children’s charity based in the north-east (the Toma Fund) for a donation towards its funds, such request being considered at the last meeting. (*see minute 32/14, March 2014*). The charity suggested that it provided financial assistance for families based in Cumbria and Northumberland who were having difficulties in looking after children with debilitating diseases. However, it had been resolved by the Council that the Clerk make further enquiries and he now confirmed that he was unable to find any particular links with Cumbria. It was, therefore, AGREED that no further action be taken.

45/14 Any Other Business.

- a) Councillor Mrs Glover referred to plans by St Peter’s Church for a Flower Festival and Organ Recital, to be held between 18th and 21st September 2014, and requested that consideration be given to financial assistance being provided from the Council’s Festival Account. It was AGREED in principle that assistance could be provided but that final approval would be conditional upon further details being submitted regarding costs etc.
- b) The Chairman referred to the editor of “Aspects”, Mrs Stringer, and her recent admission to hospital. On behalf of the Council he wished her well and a speedy recovery.
- c) The Chairman similarly referred to the sudden death of local resident Mr Ivison, in a motor-cycle accident, and on behalf of the Council expressed his sincere condolences to Mr Ivison’s relatives on their tragic loss.
- d) Councillor Mrs Glover referred to the impending Food and Flower Festival in the Buccleuch Hall on Friday, 4th April.
- e) The Clerk confirmed that the question of additional signage in relation to the HGV restriction in Lindal, together with the proposal to create a one-way system in the lane next to Hempland Cottages, was still outstanding but was being pursued by the Highways Department.

46/14 Date and Time of Next Meeting.

The DATE and TIME of the next meeting, which would be the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, was AGREED as Thursday, 1st May 2014, at 7.45 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

NB The Council meetings will start at 7.45 pm for the foreseeable future during the period that the Hall is being used for other activities up to 7.30 pm.

(All residents of the Parish are reminded that the Council meetings are open to the public and that all are welcome to attend.)