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Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 6th February 2014, at 7.45pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal. NB New start-time until further notice.

Present:- Councillors R Lord; Mrs S Glover; D Howarth; Mrs S Kelly

Apologies:- Councillor A Waite;

Also present:- 2 members of the public were present.

In attendance:-

Borough/County Councillor B Doughty and Borough Councillor Mrs A Thurlow.
PCSO L Perry, Cumbria Constabulary.

Councillor Howarth in the chair.

13/14 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)

None.

14/14 Disclosure of interests. Requests for dispensations.

- a) Councillor Mrs Glover declared an interest in agenda item 10 (b), the request for a donation towards the total cost of organ renovation, St Peter's Church. She was a member of the PCC and this was a new request for an additional donation towards church maintenance.
- b) Councillor Howarth declared an interest in Agenda item 10 (c), the request for financial assistance re the parish magazine, "Aspects of Lindal and Marton", in that he was a co-signatory for cheques in relation to the bank account.

15/14 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 9th January, 2014.

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 9th January 2014, were taken as read and APPROVED. PROPOSED:- Councillor Lord, SECONDED:- Councillor Howarth. Carried unanimously.

16/14 Matters arising from those minutes.

- a) 7/14. Councillor Howarth enquired as to the latest position regarding the proposed handyman/lengthman. The Clerk reported that Mr Hardman, who provided “handyman” services for Dalton, had decided that he would be unable to provide similar services for Lindal/Marton because of a change in his personal circumstances. *From the floor* County councillor Doughty confirmed that he was still intent on arranging for the sum of £250 to be provided towards the costs involved (*see minute 7/14, January 2014*). However, it was pointed out that the Highways department still needed to carry out preparatory work in tidying up verges, and it was, therefore, AGREED that further consideration of this matter be deferred until the next meeting.

County councillor Doughty indicated that he would need to leave the meeting early and requested permission to address the parish council on the subject of the proposed re-arrangements to the county fire service.

Councillor Doughty explained that changes were needed because of reductions from central government in the county council’s funding. He suggested that the demands on the fire service were reducing overall whilst the demands on, for example, services for the elderly, and children, were increasing, necessitating a reallocation of funds. In the Furness area, the most significant change to the Fire Service would involve the Dalton Fire station which would close, with reallocations of machines and personnel at Barrow and Ulverston. The Parish Council accepted that the financial situation posed extremely difficult questions and that there were no simple solutions. Councillor Doughty was thanked for his summary.

17/14 Attendance of officer from Cumbria Constabulary.

PCSO Perry reported that little of significance had been reported in the parish, other than an incident involving the non-payment of a taxi fare: the culprit had been apprehended.

18/14 Lindal village green. Creation of wild flower areas.

The Clerk reported on further clarification on the possible time-scale for the wild-flower development on Lindal green, after having discussed the matter with Mrs Millard (Barrow parks department). An on-site meeting at the April Parish Council meeting would enable a final decision to be taken regarding this project and if the decision was to proceed with a limited scheme, as outlined at the January meeting, preparatory work could be carried out during the following spring/summer months, with a view to seeds being sown in September 2014 and the results being apparent in the summer of 2015.

It was AGREED that the matter be further discussed, as above, at the April meeting.

19/14 Planning applications relating to the Parish.

- a) B15/2014/0013. *Erection of security cabin/gatehouse, Duerdens Abattoir, Lindal. (retrospective)* It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Howarth that the Parish Council express “no comment” on this application. Carried unanimously.

- b) B15/2014/0014. *Siting of two chill units and acoustic screen, Duerdens Abattoir, Lindal (retrospective).* It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Howarth that the Parish Council express “no comment” on this application. Carried unanimously.
- c) B27/2014/0040. *Prior notification, erection of agricultural building, Tytup Smallholdings, Lindal.* It was PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs Glover and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Kelly that the Parish Council express “no comment” on this application. Carried unanimously.

20/14 Correspondence.

- a) Planning applications relating to the whole of the Borough. NOTED.
- b) Barrow Council minutes, 15/10/13 to 7/1/14. NOTED.
- c) “Love Barrow” Community Awards, 2014. (14th March 2014) NOTED.
- d) Community Information and Safety. Product re-calls.
Poundland in-car charger. NB Full details regarding these topics can be found on the Lindal Notice Board.

21/14 Finance.

- a) Account balances:- *Current* - £50: *Festivals* - £1000.29: *Reserve* - £1797.18.
- b) The Clerk referred to the last meeting (*see minute 10/14 (d)*) when Councillor Mrs Glover submitted an invoice regarding organ maintenance in respect of St Peter’s Church in the sum of £144. Given that there was only an amount of £118.91 remaining from the total previously allocated towards the Church’s maintenance, it had been Resolved that £118.91 be approved for payment and that the balance of £25.09 be the subject of a separate application for financial support. It was, therefore, PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs Kelly and SECONDED by Councillor Lord that the balance of £25.09 be approved as a further donation towards the Church’s expenditure. Carried unanimously. (Councillor Mrs Glover took no part in the proceedings.)
- c) The Clerk referred to the annual donation made by the council towards the cost of producing the parish magazine, “Aspects”. He had discussed the current financial situation with the editor, Mrs Stringer, and it was noted that the cash balance was such that there was likely to be an amount of around £200 available at the end of March, such balance accruing because of reduced costs associated with a reduced number of pages in the magazine in recent months, this being due to the lack of adverts.
The Clerk suggested that no payment was necessary during this financial year and that the matter be reconsidered in June when there would probably be a need for financial assistance. (£400 was included in the budget for 2014/15). This would mean that the amount of £400 allocated during this current financial year, 2013/14, could be carried forward to 2014/15 as an addition to the council’s surplus.
The recommendation was AGREED, with the council expressing its appreciation for the work carried out by Mrs Stringer. (Councillor Howarth took no part in the discussions.)

22/14 Any Other Business.

- a) Councillor Mrs Kelly commented on the reappearance of HGVs in Lindal, seemingly on their way to and from the abattoir: it was agreed that this would be monitored.

- b) Councillor Mrs Kelly asked whether there was any progress in the suggestion that “Aspects” should try to attract adverts. During the ensuing discussion, it was emphasised that the use of adverts should not be seen simply as a money-making exercise but also as a way of helping residents by making them aware of local tradesmen. It was AGREED that efforts should be made to attract adverts and it was suggested that prices should be as follows:- quarter page (of A5 size) = £25.
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- Such prices would be annual, to cover 10 issues of the magazine. Interested persons should contact Councillor Howarth, on 463304.

23/14 Date and Time of Next Meeting.

The DATE and TIME of the next meeting was AGREED as Thursday, **13th March** 2014, at 7.45 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal. **NB This is the SECOND Thursday in the month.**

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.)