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Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 4th July 2013, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

Present:- Councillors A Waite; R Lord; Mrs S Glover; D Howarth.

Apologies:- Councillor Mrs S Kelly.

Also present:- 4 members of the public were present.

In attendance:-

Barrow borough councillors Barry Doughty, Mrs Ann Thurlow and Denis Bell.
PCSO Louise Perry, Cumbria Constabulary.

60/13 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)

The Clerk reported that the following planning applications had been received too late for the Agenda:-

- a) 24m-high wind turbine, Maidenlands Farm, Lindal; to replace existing 12m turbine.
- b) 24m-high wind turbine, Church Farm, Lindal.
- c) Erection of dwelling associated with nursery, Crooklands Garden Centre.

The Chairman confirmed that both applications could be discussed and a decision reached, as part of Agenda item 8, Planning applications relating to the Parish.

61/13 Disclosure of interests. Requests for dispensations.

Councillor Howarth declared an interest in “urgent item c” in that the Garden Centre was one of his business clients.

62/13 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 6th June, 2013.

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 6th June 2013, were taken as read and APPROVED.

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

63/13 Matters arising from those minutes.

- a) 58/13 (a) Councillor Howarth asked whether there was any information regarding the request for a 20 mph speed limit. The Clerk confirmed that this was being assessed by Cumbria Highways.
- b) 58/13 (b) Councillor Waite enquired as to the progress regarding the repairs to the bridge abutment and it was confirmed that nothing further had been heard.
- c) 58/13 (c) Councillor Waite suggested that there were still outstanding problems in relation to the flooding in the Broken Bridge/Snipe Ghyll area, with the local farmer apparently awaiting further contact from Cumbria Highways. *From the floor* Councillor Doughty undertook to pursue the matter.

64/13 Attendance of officer from Cumbria Constabulary.

PCSO Perry reported that there were no recorded instances of crime in the Parish during June. Reference was made to the caravans which had been placed on the site of the old ore sidings, off the A590, on the outskirts of Lindal. There had been no reported incidents associated with the caravans and no action was contemplated at the present time.

65/13 Meeting with the Highways Agency, 21st June.

The Chairman, Councillor Lord and the Clerk had met two officials from the Highways Agency in the Buccleuch Hall on Friday 21st June (*vide minute 53/13, June 2013*) to discuss the A590. Thirteen local residents had attended, together with Mrs Ann Thurlow (Barrow/Dalton councillor), Sergeant McIntosh and PCSO Perry from Cumbria Constabulary.

The meeting had been called at the behest of the Highways Agency to allow them to explain how they managed the A590 and arranged for improvements and repairs, although the residents in attendance were mistakenly under the impression that it was to discuss highway problems relating to the development of the Wild Life Park. Nevertheless, after a brief discussion regarding routine matters the officials from the Highways Agency attempted to give answers and explanations regarding the A590 highways issues where they could.

From the floor, Borough councillor Doughty reported that the borough councillors for both Dalton wards had written a joint letter to the Highways Agency expressing their deep concerns about the road safety implications associated with the Wild Life Park traffic using the junction of Melton Terrace with the A590, notwithstanding the recent granting of planning permission for the Park to develop this route. It was agreed that that the Clerk would write in a similar vein.

Councillor Doughty also reported that he was planning to convene a further meeting with all interested parties in order to discuss these highway issues, particularly insofar as the minor roads in the vicinity of Lindal, Marton and Dalton were concerned.

66/13 Planning applications relating to the Parish.

- a) *B21/2013/0372. Creation of driveway, off-road parking for 2 cars. School House, Pit Lane, Lindal.* It was pointed out that this proposal was next to Lindal School and was on a very narrow road, in the middle of a built-up area. At present, all vehicles park on the road but the creation of off-road parking at this site would mean that vehicles coming out of the driveway would have limited visibility up and down the road and they and other road users would be put at risk. It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Howarth that the Parish Council decline to support the application because of road safety implications. Carried unanimously.
- b) *B21/2013/0409 Rear ground floor extension, lounge and store room, 8 Church Close, Lindal.*
It was PROPOSED by Councillor Howarth and SECONDED by Councillor Waite that the Council express “no comment” on this application. Carried unanimously.
- c) *B18/2013/0449 24m-high wind turbine, Maidenlands Farm, Marton; replacement for existing 12m-high turbine.* It was noted that this site currently housed a 12m turbine for which planning consent had previously been given: however, the proposal would see its replacement by a turbine twice the size with the blades similarly increased. It was considered that this would be too intrusive on this particular site, being adjacent to the houses in Marton and it was, therefore, PROPOSED by Councillor Waite and SECONDED by Councillor Lord that the Parish Council decline to support the application because it would be detrimental to the well-being of local residents as well as visually intrusive on the landscape. Carried unanimously.
- d) *B18/2013/0450 24m-high wind turbine, Church Farm, Lindal.* It was noted that the site for this particular turbine was some considerable distance from the applicant’s farm house, being on a prominent part of the landscape and also fairly near to houses. It was, therefore, PROPOSED by Councillor Waite and SECONDED by Councillor Lord that the Parish Council decline to support the proposal on the grounds that its prominence would make it visually intrusive and that it was too close to residential properties. Carried unanimously.
- e) *B13.2013/0420 Erection of a dwelling associated with nursery, Crooklands Garden Centre.* It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Waite that the Parish Council express “no comment” on this application. Carried unanimously.

67/13 Correspondence.

- a) Planning applications relating to the whole of the Borough. NOTED.
- b) Community newsletter. Police Commissioner, “surgery” at Coronation Hall, Ulverston, Wednesday 24th July. 11am to 1pm. NOTED. (the matter had been published in “Aspects”.)

68/13 Finance.

- a) Account balances:- Current - £50. Festivals - £1000. Reserve - £4285.45.
- b) The Clerk submitted a request for his petty cash to be reimbursed (£102.67). This amount included printer inks and items connected with the erection of a new notice board outside the Buccleuch Hall. (The invoice for the board was still outstanding) NB A further board will be provided for Marton in due course.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Howarth and SECONDED by Councillor Lord that a cheque be approved regarding the Clerk's petty cash. Carried unanimously.

69/13 Any Other Business.

- a) Councillor Howarth commented on the need for footpaths in Lindal to be cleared of weeds and that the banking on the A590 next to Anchor Gardens required attention: previous requests for a rubbish bin by the bus-stop had still not been fulfilled. The Clerk confirmed that these matters would be referred to the appropriate agencies for attention.
- b) Councillor Howarth drew attention to the cost of installing an electricity supply to the defibrillator which is now housed on the side of the Buccleuch Hall. He wondered whether the Parish Council would be able to assist with this particular expense - £72 – although the Hall would continue to pay for the cost of electricity used by the unit. It was considered acceptable for the Council to pay this amount (the vat [£12] was recoverable) and the Chairman confirmed that because the supplier was pressing for the account to be settled, it would be appropriate for a cheque to be provided immediately. It was, therefore, PROPOSED by Councillor Waite and SECONDED by Councillor Lord that this be duly authorised. Carried unanimously.
- c) Councillor Mrs Glover mentioned the booklet produced by local historian Roy Mason on the history of Lindal School – “The Early Years” – with these being for sale at £3.
- d) *From the floor* reference was made to the “Heart Start” initiative by the Fire Service whereby training could be given to anybody interested in being able to use the defibrillator as efficiently as possible. The Clerk would confirm that any training would use the same model defibrillator as was stored at the Buccleuch Hall and if so, discuss arranging training with the Fire Service.
- e) A suggestion was made that Lindal village green might benefit by having the ends of the green, under the trees, left unmown so that a small wild flower meadow might be developed at each end. It was agreed that an information piece be prepared for “Aspects”, the next one being issued at the end of August, with the matter being further discussed at the October meeting.
- f) *From the floor* it was mentioned that children were swinging on branches of some of the trees on the green and, whilst this was acceptable where large branches were concerned, smaller ones were being broken. A request to parents to advise their children against this behaviour would be prepared for “Aspects” by the editor.

70/13 Date and Time of Next Meeting.

The DATE and TIME of the next meeting was AGREED as Thursday, 1st August 2013, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

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