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Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 6th June 2013, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

Present:- Councillors A Waite; Mrs S Glover; Mrs S Kelly.

Apologies:- Councillors Lord and Howarth.

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

In attendance:- Barrow borough councillors Barry Doughty and Denis Bell.
PCSO Louise Perry, Cumbria Constabulary.

48/13 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)

None.

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49/13 Disclosure of interests. Requests for dispensations.

None.

50/13 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday, 2nd May, 2013.

The minutes of the AGM held on Thursday, 2nd May 2013, were taken as read and APPROVED.

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

51/13 Matters arising from those minutes.

There were no matters arising from the minutes..

52/13 Attendance of officer from Cumbria Constabulary.

PCSO Perry reported that there was only one incident in May, a case of anti-social behaviour involving neighbours in Lindal.

53/13 Proposed meeting with the Highways Agency.

The Clerk confirmed that a meeting had been arranged in the Buccleuch Hall on Friday , 21st June 2013, between the Council and officials from the Highways Agency (the body responsible for the UK's trunk road network) regarding the A590, and, in particular, the stretch which runs through the Parish.

This had been suggested by the Highways Agency as a means of keeping the Council in touch with the Agency's plans and any future developments and would enable the Council to raise any concerns of its own. The meeting would be an open meeting, with members of the public free to attend if they so wished. (A notice to that effect had appeared in the June edition of "Aspects")

54/13 Planning applications relating to the Parish.

B28/2013/0244. Dalton Wild Animal Park. Amendments to road junction of U6097 (Melton Brow) with the A590, together with amendments to road at Melton Terrace and new Park entrance.

NB. This submission was a notification of further amendments to the drawings considered at the May meeting.

The Clerk reminded the Council that this matter had been considered at the May meeting when the Council had declined to support the application because of concerns over a number of issues relating to road-safety both on the A590 and also the U6097. (*vide, Minute 42/13, May 2013*). That decision had been forwarded to Barrow Borough Council on 4th May, 2013.

Prior to the May meeting, such concerns had been drawn to the attention of Cumbria County Council's Highways Department, Barrow Council planning department and the Highways Agency. Replies had still not been received from either the County Council or Barrow's planning department but the Highways Agency had reported at the time that discussions with the developer were on-going. This latest submission contained minor amendments to the plans but none were in connection with the concerns raised by the Parish Council.

It was noted that the application would be considered by Barrow's planning committee on Tuesday, 11th June, with the planning officer's report to committee having been forwarded to the Clerk for information. From such report it was clear that many local residents remained concerned about many of the basic principles surrounding the Animal Park's development and the implications regarding residential amenity, traffic congestion, road safety etc and, *from the floor*, borough councillor Doughty commented on the bizarre suggestion that "marshals" might be used to direct traffic on both the A590 and the U6097 at busy periods.

It was, therefore, PROPOSED by Councillor Waite and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Kelly that the Parish Council repeat that it was unwilling to support the application because of the concerns previously expressed when the matter was last considered (May, 2013), namely:-

- The Road Safety Audit's recommendations regarding the U6097 and its junction with the A590 had been declined by the applicant's agent but appeared to the Parish Council to be worthy of support.
- There was no specific reference to potential problems for traffic wishing to turn right from the U6097 onto the A590.
- No reference had been made to problems which could ensue if the Animal Park used its existing car-park (on Broughton Road) as an overflow car-park, utilising the U6097 as the means of access.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

55/13 Planning applications relating to adjacent authorities.

SL/2013/0277. Wind Turbine, 45.5 m to blade tip. Land near Hare Ghyll Cottage, between Stainton and Dalton.

It was accepted that, firstly, the site of this application was outside the Parish boundary and secondly, there had been no representations made to the Parish Council by anybody whatsoever. Nevertheless, given that the Council had been invited to comment, its view was that it should decline to support the application for the following reasons:-

- Such applications were invariably for financial gain rather than any desire to improve the nation's carbon footprint.
- Despite being smaller than turbines to be found on the large commercial wind-farms, the proposed turbine was still larger than some smaller models previously approved in other parts of the countryside and would thus be a prominent, and alien, feature for local residents.
- The continual expansion of wind-turbines would have a detrimental effect on the visual appearance of the countryside generally.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

56/13 Correspondence.

- a) Planning applications relating to the whole of the Borough. NOTED.
- b) Lindal School (LAMPS). Minutes of the Governors' meetings – 28/1/13 and 11/3/13. NOTED.
- c) North West Air Ambulance. News magazine. NOTED.

57/13 Finance.

Cash balances:- Current account - £50. Festivals account - £1000. Reserve account - £785.46.

58/13 Any Other Business.

- a) Councillor Mrs Kelly reported that she had been approached about the desirability of having a 20 mph speed limit on the road past the school. It was pointed out that this had been raised with Cumbria County Council on numerous occasions in recent years, to no avail. It was AGREED that the Clerk contact the district highways engineer, Nick Raymond, with a request that this matter be assessed once again.
- b) Councillor Mrs Kelly referred to the bridge abutments by School Terrace, where a mineral railway had once crossed the road. One side had been judged to be potentially dangerous some months ago and had been cordoned-off. The Clerk reported that, whilst ownership of the masonry was still in doubt, the County Council had decided to arrange for repairs and that this should take place very soon.
- c) Councillor Waite commented on the flooding which had recently affected Snipe Ghyll and which now appeared to have been rectified. *From the floor*, borough councillor Doughty gave further details on what had transpired and referred to similar problems which had affected Dalton, indicating that a meeting had been arranged with the Environment Agency to discuss future developments. It was AGREED that consideration of whether the Parish Council should arrange a similar meeting be deferred until it was clear as to whether the work in Snipe Ghyll had been effective. In the meantime, the Clerk should write to Nick Raymond with a request that the soak-away drains by Broken Bridge be cleaned out once again before any further inclement weather.
- d) The Chairman referred to the Mayor's charity evening scheduled for Friday, 7th June.
- e) The Clerk introduced the newsletter from ACT, the community volunteers organisation.

- f) Councillor Mrs Kelly reported that the defibrillator was now housed in its box on the outside of the Buccleuch Hall.

59/13 Date and Time of Next Meeting.

The DATE and TIME of the next meeting was AGREED as Thursday, 4th July 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.)