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Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 1st March 2012, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

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

Apologies. Councillor D Howarth.

Also present:- 4 members of the public.

In attendance:-

PC D Edwards, PCSO, L Perry: Cumbria Constabulary.
Barrow Borough Councillor Mr Denis Bell.

26/12 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 submitted details of a planning application in respect of Lindal Moor House, Lindal. The Chairman confirmed that this item could be considered under item 9 of the Agenda "Planning applications relating to the Parish".

2712 Disclosure of interests.

None.

28/12 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 2nd February, 2012.

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 2nd February 2012, were taken as read and APPROVED

PROPOSED:- Councillor Lord. SECONDED:- Councillor Mrs Kelly .

Carried unanimously.

29/12 Matters arising.

24/12 Councillor Waite reported that a lady had been in touch to indicate her interest in looking after the kiosk in Lindal. It was hoped that she would get back in touch so that her offer could be taken up.

30/12 Attendance of Officer from Cumbria Constabulary.

PC Edwards reported that there had been a further instance of a shed being broken into with various items being stolen. He emphasised yet again the importance of making sure that all buildings, sheds etc, were kept securely locked.

From the floor the problem was raised of mud being left on local roads by farm vehicles. This was especially bad at present, with the road between Lindal and Marton being particularly affected. It was pointed out that the mud was a potential health hazard, being contaminated with animal manure, as well as being dangerous for two-wheeled vehicles because of the danger of slipping. In addition, it was suggested that roadside drains were getting blocked, creating a further hazard with flooding.

PC Edwards confirmed that he would take the matter up with the farmer concerned. The Clerk would also discuss the matter with the Environmental Health department and the Highways authority.

31/12. Report of School Governors. Submission of minutes, if any.

There were no minutes for consideration.

32/12 The Mayor's charity and the provision of defibrillators.

It was confirmed that a special public meeting had been arranged for Wednesday, 21st March 2012, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, when Mr Murphy, the Mayor, would be in attendance to explain in more detail the arrangements concerning the provision and use of defibrillators. (*vide minute 16/12, February 2012*)

It was AGREED that Councillor Mrs Kelly would liaise with the school and the play-group with a view to parents being given copies of the explanatory leaflet which had been produced for "Aspects". *From the floor*, the local resident responsible for producing the leaflet – Miss Louise Jackson – offered to produce more copies for this latest initiative. The Chairman expressed his thanks for the assistance given by Miss Jackson in this regard.

33/12 Planning applications relating to the Parish.

- a) *B18/2012/0070 Formation of staff car park and widening of internal access road, Duerden's abattoir, Lindal.* Mention was made of the long-standing problem of HGVs ignoring the weight restriction signs, with such vehicles driving to the abattoir through the village instead of via Melton Terrace. It was, therefore, PROPOSED by Councillor Waite and SECONDED by Councillor Lord that the council should express "no comment" on this application *per se* but any permission should include a requirement for a sign on the internal access road to indicate to HGVs leaving the premises that there was no left turn, thus reminding them that there was a weight restriction in the village. Carried unanimously.
- b) *B21/2012/0108 Raising of existing roof to accommodate additional bedroom incorporating rear dormer extension. Lindal Moor House, Lindal.* It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Kelly that the Council express "no comment" on this application.

34/12 Correspondence.

- a) Planning applications relating to the whole of the Borough. NOTED.
- b) Duddon Estuary Partnership. Meeting 20/3/12 NOTED.
- c) Proposed bio-mass power station, Roose. NOTED.

- d) Cumbria County Council. It NOTED that an amount of salt/grit could be supplied to parish councils as in previous years. It was AGREED that no further supplies were required at present.
- e) Cumbria County Council. Proposed weight restrictions on bridges over railway lines at Pennington and Cark. NOTED.

35/12 Finance.

- a) Cash balances:- Current account - £50. Reserve account – £782.30
- b) Rent for the Council's use of the Buccleuch Hall. It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Kelly that the rent of £154 be authorised and paid. (11 months @ £14 per session) Carried unanimously.

36/12 Any Other Business.

- a) The Chairman commented on information from the Alzheimer's Society, with a "Community Dementia Forum" being planned for Friday, 23rd March, from 10 am to 12 noon, in Forum 28, Barrow. Anybody interested in this topic could attend.
- b) *From the floor*, further comment was made regarding dog-fouling, with the area around Lindal village green being particularly mentioned. It was AGREED that all dog owners be reminded yet again of their responsibilities in this regard, with the need to clean up after their animals being paramount. In addition, it was suggested that all residents should feel it their duty to report anyone found to be ignoring this responsibility, notwithstanding any difficulties this might cause for all those involved.
- c) The Clerk reported that he now had a copy of the Planning Inspector's decision regarding the appeal by the South Lakes Animal Park against the refusal by Barrow Council to allow further expansion of the Park. The appeal had been upheld and the expansion of the Park could go ahead although there were various conditions to be met first, particularly in respect of road safety and highway issues.

37/12 Date and Time of Next Meeting.

It was AGREED that the next meeting of the Parish Council would take place on Thursday, 5th April 2012, 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.)