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Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 7th March 2013, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

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

Apologies. Councillor Mrs Glover.

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

In attendance:- PC Karen Park, Cumbria Constabulary.

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

None.

14/13 Disclosure of interests. Requests for dispensations.

Councillor Howarth referred to Agenda item 9 (b) whereby a planning application relating to the Buccleuch Hall would be discussed. He declared an interest as a member of the Buccleuch Hall Management Committee and requested a dispensation from the need to refrain from participating in the discussions, the reason being that he would be able to give the Council full information regarding the item concerned. The Clerk confirmed that it would be appropriate for him to participate, the reason being that his contribution would be necessary to enable the Council to be suitably informed.

15/13 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 3rd January, 2012.

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 3rd January 2013, were taken as read and APPROVED. NB There was no meeting in February due to the lack of a quorum.

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

16/13 Matters arising from those minutes.

- a) 10/13 The Clerk referred to correspondence from Phil Huck, Executive Director, Barrow Council, on the subject of the £1,000 to be given to Lindal and Marton Parish Council as "Festivals money". The Clerk had sought clarification from Mr Huck as to what kind of expenditure would fall within this designation, citing as examples the grants made by Lindal Council to the Buccleuch Hall Management Committee for special events to celebrate the

Queen's Diamond Jubilee and Prince William's wedding and also the reimbursement of money spent by the residents of Marton on Christmas trees. Mr Huck's opinion was that such expenditure would not fall within the definition of "festivals" and accordingly, the £1,000 could not be used for any similar events in the future. (The Parish Council retains the facility for spending its "own" money in this way)

Arrangements were in hand for a separate bank account to be created for the £1,000 as and when it was received and it was AGREED that consideration as to how the money should be used be deferred until such time as any request for financial assistance regarding a "festival" had to be considered.

- b) 11/13 (b) The Clerk reported that he had made a further request to Phil Huck for consideration to be given to the re-naming of a street to commemorate the impending centenary of Edward Wadham's death, with particular reference to Park Road which passes the property Millwood, once the home of Wadham. Mr Huck was unable to support such a proposal and suggested that Lindal's village green be renamed "Wadham Green" instead.

During discussions *involving the floor* there was little support for this idea and it was thought that the matter should be left in abeyance until local historian Roy Mason had completed his researches.

17/13 Attendance of officers from Cumbria Constabulary.

PC Karen Park had no reports of any untoward incidents within the Parish. Councillor Mrs Kelly asked whether the Police would be able to give further attention to the long-running problem of HGVs passing through the village, in contravention of the weight limit in place near to the Church. The Clerk was able to inform the meeting that the highways department was hoping to set up a meeting, to involve all interested parties, in order to try and resolve this problem.

18/13 Defibrillator box developments.

Reference was made to the outstanding problem of the special box to house the defibrillator donated to the parish and which is currently held by Councillor Mrs Kelly in her hairdressing salon. The Fire Service was still holding the box allocated for the defibrillator and it was still hoped to be able to affix it the outside of the Buccleuch Hall. However, the Hall was a listed building and Councillor Howarth explained that an application for Listed Building Consent, to affix the box, had been submitted to Barrow Council and he was waiting for a decision. (*vide minute 20 (b) below*)

19/13 Emergency Planning by local communities.

The Clerk introduced correspondence from Cumbria Fire and Rescue in connection with communities preparing their own Emergency Plan for dealing with matters such as severe flooding. It was AGREED that this topic would be an appropriate subject for the Rural Joint Committee, of which the Chairman was a member, and that the Clerk should suggest that this be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

20/13 Planning applications relating to the Parish.

- a) *B21/2013/0058 extensions to side and rear of 6 Parkside Close, Lindal.* It was PROPOSED by Councillor Howarth and SECONDED by Councillor Lord that the Council confirm that it had no objections to this development in principle, provided that due consideration was given to the impact which the entrance to the new garage would have on the adjacent property and the public footpath. Carried unanimously.
- b) *B23/2013/0150 Listed Building Consent for defibrillator box on wall of Buccleuch Hall.* It was PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs Kelly and SECONDED by Councillor Waite that the council express "no comment" on this application. Carried unanimously.

21/13 Correspondence.

- a) Planning applications relating to the whole of the Borough. NOTED.
- b) Barrow Council minutes, 16th October 2012 to 8th January 2013. NOTED.
- c) Community information:-
 - 1. The Fire Brigade is looking for volunteers to assist in home-safety visits and the fitting of smoke detectors. Other community-orientated duties could be offered, for which a uniform, and expenses, would be provided. (details on 01768 812549)
 - 2. The Fire Brigade wishes to draw attention to a faulty batch of Beko fridge-freezers whereby there had been recent incidents of serious fires. (details on 0800 009 4837).
 - 3. Cumbria Police advises that there have been a series of burglaries in churches throughout Cumbria and it is recommended that adequate precautions be taken to safeguard churches from such crime.
 - 4. Trading Standards are aware of a small amount of fraud involving Tesco Club Card vouchers utilising the internet. Anybody suspecting that anything untoward has occurred with their internet Tesco Club Card should contact Tesco – 0800 591688
 - 5. Trading Standards warns of an on-line scam whereby householders can be told that they have won a prize but which turns out to be simply the chance to enter a sweepstake.
 - 6. The Cooperative Bank are warning of another on-line scam whereby their customers can be told that they have won a £500 food hamper.
 - 7. The Police warn of an incident involving men calling themselves gardeners who have persuaded an elderly lady living in Dalton to pay an exorbitant sum for minimal gardening work.

It was AGREED that copies of items 1 – 7 be placed in the Information Kiosks.
- d) Spinal Injuries Association. Publicity material regarding “fish and chip suppers” fund-raising events. The material to be placed in the window of the Hall.
- e) Approval of modifications to Planning Permission: Tony Brown Aggregates, Lindal. NOTED.
- f) National Grid Coast Connections Project. NOTED.

22/13 Finance.

- a) Cash balances:- Current account - £50. Reserve account – £2070.90.
- b) The Clerk requested payment of a petty cash cheque (£40.50) together with the balance of this year’s honorarium (£300). He also requested payment of the Internal Auditor’s fee (£37) and the rent for the use of the Buccleuch Hall for the year 2012/2013 (£240. NB The amount covers 12 booked monthly meetings together with the use of the Hall for defibrillator training sessions.)

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Howarth that all items in (b) above be approved and authorised for payment. Carried unanimously.
- c) A request was submitted for financial assistance towards the cost of production of the parish magazine, “Aspects of Lindal and Marton”. During discussions *involving the floor* it was confirmed that this monthly news-letter was produced solely by volunteers and that the Parish Council’s donation towards running-costs never quite covered the costs involved, the balance being found by coffee-mornings etc. Costs for 2012 totalled £414. It was suggested that consideration should be given to a small charge being paid by those who wished to advertise in “Aspects”. It was then PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Waite that the Council donate a sum of £400 towards the costs of the current year’s issues. Carried unanimously.

d) A discussion took place regarding the financial requirements of St Peter's Church [*vide minutes 95/11 (d) and 108/11 (c)*], and the Clerk submitted information from Councillor Mrs Glover (a member of the Parochial Church Council), including the latest architectural report on the fabric of the building and the likely cost of the necessary repairs. After detailed discussions it was PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs Kelly and SECONDED by Councillor Lord that financial assistance to the Church, in connection with essential repairs to the fabric of the building, be approved, as follows:-

- 1 the sum of £350 within the current year's budget (2012/13), earmarked for the Church, be formally APPROVED and carried forward to 2013/14.
- 2 the sum of £350 included in next year's budget (2013/14), earmarked for the Church, be formally APPROVED.
- 3 the sum of £239 carried forward from the last financial year's (2011/12) approved allocation of £350, and still unspent, to be carried forward to 2013/14.

Items 1, 2 and 3, totalling £939, would thus be available in 2013/14. The Clerk would liaise with Councillor Mrs Glover, and others from the Church, on the details.

Carried unanimously.

23/13 Any Other Business.

- a) The Chairman tabled information regarding events organised by the Mayor of Barrow, including The Mayor's Ball, the male voice choir and visits to BAE and Kimberly Clarke, to which representatives of the Council were invited. NOTED.
- b) The Chairman reported that he had received a "neighbour notification" of an appeal which had been lodged in respect of SLDC's refusal to grant planning permission for a wind turbine at Sea View, Pennington. It was NOTED that the Parish Council's comments (declining to support the application) would be presented to the Planning Inspector.
- c) Councillor Mrs Kelly expanded on her concerns regarding the HGVs persistently ignoring the weight restriction in Lindal village.
- d) The Chairman commented on further complaints he had received regarding the flooding at Broken Bridge.

24/13 Date and Time of Next Meeting.

It was AGREED that the next meeting of the Parish Council would take place at 7.30 pm on Thursday, 4th April March, 2013 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.)