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Mr A Waite (462922) Mr R Lord (464034) Mrs S Glover (462383) Mr D Howarth (463304) Mrs S Kelly (465343)

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 13th March 2014, at 7.45pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

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

Apologies:- Councillor A Waite;

Also present: 3 members of the public were present.

In attendance:-

No outside officers or officials were present.

Councillor Howarth in the chair.

24/14 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)

None.

25/14 Disclosure of interests. Requests for dispensations.

None.

26/14 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 6th February, 2014.

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 6th February 2014, were taken as read and APPROVED.

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

27/14 Matters arising from those minutes.

There were no matters arising.

28/14 Attendance of officer from Cumbria Constabulary.

Apologies were submitted from PCSO Perry but details of incidents relating to the Parish had been submitted. There had been one example of anti-social behaviour (neighbour dispute); three examples of sheds being broken into and chain saws taken and one criminal damage to a car at Crooklands Garden Centre.

The message from the Police was that residents should make every effort to keep sheds and outbuildings securely locked.

29/14 Lindal village green. Creation of wild flower areas.

It was agreed that the Council would assemble outside the Hall at 7.30 pm on the evening of the April meeting, 3rd April 2014, accompanied by Mrs Katy Millard from Barrow parks department, in order to make a final assessment of the plan to create a wild-flower strip around the outside edge of the northern part of the village green.

30/14 Planning applications relating to the Parish.

- a) *B28/2014/0081. Variation of wording re noise limits re B18/2013/0449 (approved), wind turbine, Maidenlands, Marton.*

The Clerk confirmed that approval had already been given for the installation of a larger version of the existing wind turbine and that this latest application was a request for the wording in relation to the conditions governing the noise requirements to be slightly amended in order to clarify the position. It was PROPOSED by Councillor Howarth and SECONDED by Councillor Lord that the parish council express “no comment” on this application. Carried unanimously.

- b) *B27/2014/0104. Prior approval, agricultural building, Hill Farm, Urswick Road, Dalton.* It was PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs Kelly and SECONDED by Councillor Lord that the parish council express “no comment” on this application. Carried unanimously.

31/14 Correspondence.

- a) Planning applications relating to the whole of the Borough. NOTED.
b) Minutes of School governors – L.A.M.P.S. NOTED.
c) Community Information and Safety. Product re-calls.
1. Cumbria Fire and Rescue. Volunteers wanted to check domestic smoke alarms.
2. Poundland: safety hazard, electrical adaptor plug and 3-way extension lead.
3. Asda: safety hazard, plastic kettles.
4. Cumbria Fire and Rescue; Warning re fire-hazard, microwaveable wheat bags.
5. Cumbria Fire and Rescue; faulty batteries, “Fire Angel” smoke alarms.
6. Cumbria Trading Standards; car-parking scam, (email from Justice. Gov.UK)
7. Police Commissioner Cumbria: newsletter.

NB Full details regarding these topics can be found on the Lindal Notice Board.

32/14 Finance.

- a) Account balances:- *Current* - £50: *Festivals* - £1000.29: *Reserve* - £1772.09.

- b) The Clerk requested that the balance of his honorarium (£300), together with the internal auditor's fee (£37) and the rent for the use of the Buccleuch Hall (£261) be authorised and paid.
- c) The Clerk submitted an invoice from Dalton Town Council in respect of the Parish Council's share of the speed detector (£250). (This would eventually be off-set by a donation from County Councillor Doughty's local fund, in the sum of £100, making the net amount paid by the Parish Council £150.)
- d) The Clerk submitted a request from a children's charity based in the north-east (the Toma Fund) for a donation towards its funds. The charity provided financial assistance for families based in Cumbria and Northumberland who were having difficulties in looking after children with debilitating diseases.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Howarth and SECONDED by Councillor Lord that the items in (b) and (c) above be authorised: that insofar as item (d) was concerned, whilst the Council was minded to take no action regarding this request on the grounds that there was no obvious benefit for local families, the Clerk should make further enquiries as to the charity's activities. Carried unanimously

33/14 Any Other Business.

- a) Councillor Mrs Kelly reported that a cyclist had been thrown from his bicycle on the road near to the abattoir after skidding on stones and other debris disturbed by recent flooding. The Clerk would refer the matter to the highways department.
- b) Councillor Mrs Kelly reported on progress in arranging adverts for the magazine "Aspects". NOTED.
- c) *From the floor* a local resident referred to a planning application – a "Neighbour Notification" – in respect of the Wild Animal Park: the Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council had not been notified of, or invited to comment on any further developments. The application was in connection with a) the proposed entrance/exit from the Park and b) the need to commission some of the new animal enclosures in advance of the new entrance/exit being opened, with the Park continuing to use its existing facilities.

The resident outlined her concerns about the latest proposals for the entrance /exit, suggesting that there would no longer be a continuous barrier to shield the occupants of Melton Terrace from light and noise nuisance from vehicles visiting the Park. In particular, vehicles leaving the Park during the hours of darkness would have their headlights pointing directly into the rear rooms of the houses on Melton Terrace.

After a lengthy discussion it was AGREED that the Clerk should write to the Planning Department expressing the Council's strong concerns about the impact the proposed entrance/exit development would have on the local residents and urging Barrow Council to insist on an appropriate measures in that area in order to protect residents from such nuisance.

34/14 Date and Time of Next Meeting.

The DATE and TIME of the next meeting was AGREED as Thursday, 3rd April 2014, at 7.45 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

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.)

