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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, 7th November 2013, at 7.45pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal. NB New start-time until further notice.

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

Apologies:- Councillor A Waite; Councillor Mrs S Kelly.

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

In attendance:-

PCSO J McVeigh, Cumbria Constabulary.

Councillor D Howarth in the Chair..

105/13 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)

None.

106/13 Disclosure of interests. Requests for dispensations.

None.

107/13 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 3rd October, 2013.

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 3rd October, were taken as read and APPROVED.

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

108/13 Matters arising from those minutes.

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

109/13 Attendance of officer from Cumbria Constabulary.

PCSO McVeigh had nothing to report.

110/13 Lindal Village Green. Development of wild flower meadow

The Clerk explained that he had still not been able to secure expert advice regarding the suggestion that some of Lindal village green might be left to develop as a wild flower meadow. It was AGREED that, as this was not an urgent issue, the matter could be further deferred until such time as appropriate advice was available.

111/13 Parish “lengthman”. Shared usage with Dalton’s “handyman”.

The Clerk reported that he had had discussions with the Clerk from Dalton town council to consider the possibility of Dalton’s “handyman” being able to devote a few hours per month to Lindal and Marton. (*vide minute 103/13 (d) October 2013*) It was envisaged that he could help to keep road-side drains clear of blockages, traffic signs clear of obscuring vegetation, overhanging bushes and trees from becoming a nuisance and be able to report pot-holes or any other highway difficulties.

It was AGREED that this suggestion should be supported in principle and that the Clerk should arrange to meet all interested parties in order to clarify the details of costs, duties etc, which would be reported to the council for further discussion.

112/13 Portable “speed-gun”. Shared usage with Askam and Dalton.

The Clerk reported that subsequent to previous discussions regarding speeding, and the availability of speed-detector devices (*vide minute 97/13 (a) October 2013*), he had had further discussions with Borough/County councillor Barry Doughty who had indicated that there was a possibility that an additional device could be purchased for the sole use of the three town/parish councils (Dalton; Askam; Lindal), leaving the existing, shared, device to be used solely within Barrow itself.

Councillor Doughty had suggested that the cost would be around £2,500 and that this could be shared pro-rata according to population, with Lindal/Marton’s share being £250. However, he was hopeful that he would be able to fund £100 of this, leaving the Parish Council to fund the balance of £150. The use of the device would be similarly apportioned, meaning that Lindal/Marton would be able to use it for five weeks every year.

The device would incorporate a flashing sign showing the speed of any approaching vehicle and it also recorded data (of vehicles approaching from both sides) to confirm speeds, times etc for further analysis.

There would need to be a programme devised to establish when, and where, it would be used, with the police responsible for moving it from place to place.

It was AGREED that the concept should be supported in principle but that further consideration should be deferred until councillor Doughty, together with the full parish council, was able to be present.

From the floor, the problem of excessive noise from one or more motorcycles passing through Lindal on the A590, at about 5.30 am, was raised once more (*vide minute 87/13 September 2013*). Councillors, together with PCSO McVeigh, expressed their sympathy and understanding for the nuisance being caused but felt that little could be done to alleviate the situation.

113/13 Planning applications relating to the Parish.

B21/2013/0640 Lounge extension (amendment to already-approved development)
8 Church Close, Lindal. Reference was made to application B21/2013/0409 whereby an application to create an extension to the rear of this bungalow had been approved. The current application was for a re-designed roof. It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Glover that the council express “no comment” on this application. Carried unanimously.

114/13 Correspondence.

- a) Planning applications relating to the whole of the Borough. NOTED.
- b) War Memorials Trust. Correspondence from this organisation, whereby advice and assistance was available for the care and maintenance of war memorials, was NOTED. Reference was made to the suggestion from the Joint Rural Committee that local memorials would be cleaned in advance of any ceremonies which might be arranged in connection with the centenary of the outbreak of WW1, in 2014.

115 /13 Finance.

- a) Account balances:- *Current* - £50: *Festivals* - £1000.19: *Reserve* - £2265.33.
- b) An invoice was submitted from the Royal British Legion, in the sum of £34, in connection with wreaths provided for Remembrance Sunday.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Howarth and SECONDED by Councillor Lord that a cheque for £34 be authorised. Carried unanimously.

116/13 Any Other Business.

- a) It was confirmed that the Clerk and Councillor Howarth would attend the War Memorial remembrance service on Sunday, 10th November, with councillor Waite attending Marton in the afternoon.
- b) Councillor Mrs Glover reported that the donations from the Parish Council to St Peter’s Church were being put to good use (*vide minute 80/13 (c) August, 2013*) with major works being effected to the bell tower, to enable the bell to be used once more. She conveyed the thanks of the Parochial Church Council to the Parish Council for its generous assistance.

117/13 Date and Time of Next Meeting.

The DATE and TIME of the next meeting was AGREED as Thursday, 5th December 2013, 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.)