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

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

Apologies:- Councillors Mrs S Glover; D Howarth.

Also present:- No members of the public were present.

In attendance:- PC Dave Edwards; PC Karen Park, Cumbria Constabulary.

120 /12 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)

None.

121/12 Disclosure of interests. Requests for dispensations.

None.

122/12 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 4th October, 2012.

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 4th October 2012, were taken as read and APPROVED.

PROPOSED:- Councillor Waite. SECONDED:- Councillor Lord. Carried unanimously.

123/12 Matters arising from those minutes.

- a) 110/12 (a) Councillor Mrs Kelly asked whether there had been any progress regarding the flooding at Broken Bridge. The Clerk reported that the Highways department had cleaned out the drains in that area but because these were only connected to soakaways the problem was not completely resolved. The question of a drainage ditch was discussed, with the Chairman suggesting that a local resident might like to assist in this regard. It was left to the Chairman to pursue the matter.
- b) 110/12 (b) Councillor Waite asked whether anything further was known about the possibility of funds being made available by Barrow Council for “festivities”. The Clerk indicated that Borough Councillor Doughty had been hoping to attend the meeting at which time he would have been able to advise the Council as to the latest situation.

124/12 Attendance of Officer from Cumbria Constabulary.

PC Edwards advised that there had been an attempted break-in at a house in Railway Terrace, Lindal, with one of two youths being apprehended.

125/12. Report of School Governors. Submission of minutes, if any.

The minutes of the meeting of Monday, 2nd July were NOTED..

126/12 Defibrillators and a First Responders Team.

Councillor Mrs Kelly handed over a further Defibrillator Fund envelope which had been delivered to her hairdressing salon. She also confirmed that she was still waiting for her contact in the Rotary Club to advise whether the Club would be able to fund an additional machine, perhaps to be placed in Marton. The envelope was opened by the Clerk and was found to contain £20. This will be passed over to Councillor Murphy for his on-going fund-raising: the grand total raised by the Parish now stands at £694.57.

The Clerk reported that the meeting arranged for 12th October in the Buccleuch Hall had duly taken place, with Mr Chris Hyde from the Ambulance Authority and Mrs Liz Gaskell from the Askam First Responders both in attendance. (*vide minute 113/12 October 2012*). Unfortunately, (and surprisingly, given that nearly 50 people attended the training sessions regarding the defibrillator) only one person turned up and the meeting had been abandoned.

Mrs Gaskell confirmed that she was still hopeful that a training model for the particular kind of defibrillator supplied for the parish would soon be provided and at that stage refresher training could be arranged. As and when that happened, the amount of interest in the setting up of a First Responders team could be re-assessed.

Mr Hyde and Mrs Gaskell had been suitably thanked for giving up their time for what was an unnecessary meeting. Further information was still awaited regarding the box for the defibrillator.

127/12 Electricity North West. Questionnaire re provision of services

The Clerk referred to a questionnaire from Electricity North West in which the views of the Council were sought in respect of future service provision. Copies had previously been circulated to councillors for their consideration and it was AGREED that their individual responses would be all returned to Electricity North West, as opposed to a collective response being formulated.

128/12 Cumbria County Council. “Nominated Neighbours” scheme.

It was reported that Cumbria County Council was hoping to introduce a scheme whereby elderly or vulnerable people could have an extra measure of protection when approached by those who may turn out to be bogus workmen or rogue traders. The scheme would involve vulnerable persons having a special card which they could hold up at a window, or show at a door, if they were concerned about an unexpected visitor and the card would say that the caller should contact the “nominated neighbour” who could assess the situation.

The Trading Standards department is looking for volunteers who would be willing to be “nominated neighbours” and also would need to be aware of any vulnerable persons who would wish to participate. In the first instance, interested persons should contact the Trading Standards department (01539 713570) or the Clerk (467261) for further information. It was also agreed that the Clerk would provide appropriate information for inclusion in “Aspects”.

129/12 Annual assessment of Standing Orders, Internal Audit and Risk Management Policy.

Reference was made to the Council's current a) Standing Orders and Financial Instructions and b) Risk Management Policy. It was considered that there were no changes required to either of these documents and it was, therefore, PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Kelly that they continue to be used as the Council's official policies. Carried unanimously.

In the absence of Councillor Howarth, the question of the Council's Internal Audit arrangements was deferred until the next meeting.

130/12 Planning applications relating to the Parish.

6/2012/0691 *Thinning of Sycamore Tree (subject to Tree Preservation Order) Church Cottage, Church Hill, Lindal.* It was PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs Kelly and SECONDED by Councillor Lord that the Council express "no comment" on this application. Carried unanimously.

131/12 Correspondence.

- a) Planning applications relating to the whole of the Borough. NOTED.
- b) Barrow Borough Council minutes – 17th July to 11th October 2012. NOTED.
- c) Information re Election of Police Commissioners: Community safety issues. The four candidates in respect of Cumbria's Police Commissioner would be on hand in Barrow's Forum on Tuesday, 6th November at 7.00 pm to answer questions. A further event will take place in the Forum on Friday 9th November at 12.00pm regarding Community Safety Issues. NB both events appeared to be directed at council members only. NOTED.
- d) Duddon Estuary Partnership. Meeting 7th November. NOTED.
- e) Drainage repairs A590. An assessment was due to take place of the drainage relating to the A590, between Dalton and Ulverston, commencing on Monday 5th November and lasting about three weeks. Some repair work can be done during the night but where more extensive work is required, this will be during the day, necessitating lane closures and traffic lights. NOTED.

132/12 Finance.

- a) Cash balances:- Current account - £50. Reserve account – £2752.11.
- b) The Clerk submitted an invoice in respect of the two wreaths supplied by the British Legion for Remembrance Sunday in the sum of £34. He also requested reimbursement of petty cash in the sum of £44.41.
- c) Requests for financial assistance were considered from
 - 1 the Buccleuch Hall Management Committee in respect of the annual Senior Citizens' Christmas Party:
 - 2 the Great North Air Ambulance:
 - 3 the British Red Cross.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Waite that payments in respect of item b) be approved (£34 and £44.41) and that an amount of £325 be approved in respect of item c) 1; £100 in respect of item c) 2 and £50 in respect of item c) 3

Carried unanimously.

133/12 Any Other Business.

A brief discussion took place regarding the need to paint the two ex-BT telephone kiosks currently serving as Information Points. It was thought that this might be best considered in the Spring.

134/12 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, 6th December 2012 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.)