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Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 3rd October 2013, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

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

Apologies:- Councillor Mrs S Kelly.

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

In attendance:-

PCSO L Perry, Cumbria Constabulary.
Barrow Borough Councillors Mr B Doughty, Mrs A Thurlow and Mr D Bell.

94/13 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)

None.

95/13 Disclosure of interests. Requests for dispensations.

None.

96/13 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 5th September, 2013.

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 5th September, were taken as read and APPROVED.

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

97/13 Matters arising from those minutes.

- a) 87/13 Councillor Lord enquired as to the progress in arranging for the mobile speed-detector to be used in Lindal and Marton. PCSO Perry confirmed that it was still allocated to the Barrow area and that there was still no agreement on it being used elsewhere. Reference was made to speeding problems associated with the school: when

the school was open, many vehicles were parked outside and these forced passing motorists to slow down quite dramatically, despite such parked vehicles being in themselves an obstruction. However, when the school was closed, the road was left free of parked vehicles, the consequence being that traffic was unhindered if it wanted to speed.

It was left for PCSO Perry to discuss with her colleagues the need for the speed detector to be deployed within the Parish.

- b) 86/13 Councillor Howarth drew attention to the fact that overhanging vegetation was still affecting the sight-lines for people waiting at the bus stop by Anchor Gardens. The Clerk confirmed that this would be passed to Highways.
- c) 92/13 (d) The Clerk referred to suggestions that parts of Lindal village green might be left to grow as a wild flower garden, with this topic due to be debated at this October meeting. However, he had not yet been able to arrange for anybody from Cumbria Wild Life Trust to come to talk to the Council and recommended that this matter be deferred until such time as appropriate advice could be obtained. NOTED.
- d) 92/13 (c) Councillor Howarth asked whether any decisions had been reached regarding charging for adverts in "Aspects": *from the floor* the editor confirmed that this was in hand.

98/13 Attendance of officer from Cumbria Constabulary.

PCSO Perry reported that September had been a quiet month in the Parish with only one specific incident, that of anti-social behaviour.

99/13 Cumbria Fire and Rescue. "Heart Start" training and defibrillators.

The Clerk confirmed that details regarding the refresher training in respect of the defibrillator housed at the Buccleuch Hall had been included in the August edition of "Aspects" (*vide minute 76/13, August 2013*). The response had been limited but Councillor Mrs Kelly had contacted many of the original trainees and the result was that there were about 28 – 30 persons now interested. The training sessions would go ahead as planned on the three Thursdays, 10th, 17th and 24th October.

100/13 Planning applications relating to the Parish.

B28/2013/0615. Amendment to already-approved scheme for alterations at 6 Parkside Close, Lindal

The Clerk confirmed that approval had already been given for alterations to this property (*vide minute 20/13 a) March 2013*) and that the current application was for amendments to that scheme. It was then PROPOSED by Councillor Howarth and SECONDED by Councillor Lord that the Parish Council express "no comment" on the application. Carried unanimously.

101/13 Correspondence.

- a) Planning applications relating to the whole of the Borough. NOTED.
- b) Guide to new electoral arrangements. The Clerk referred to a booklet to be distributed to councillors which indicated that the Government was planning to introduce a new

system of registration for local and national elections and which appeared to be based on a digital system. Further details would be forthcoming. NOTED.

- c) The newsletter from “Act” – Action with Communities in Cumbria – was NOTED.
- d) Notification of a series of training days in Cumbria for organisations who would be involved in coping with serious flooding was NOTED.
- e) Community Safety Notices:- details of potential faults involving fairy lights and table lamps supplied by “The Range”, together with information regarding Police “surgeries” in Dalton Drill Hall, on Saturday, 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th October (2-4 pm) were NOTED and the Clerk would ensure that these were placed in the notice boards.

102 /13 Finance.

- a) Account balances:- *Current* - £50: *Festivals* - £1000.09: *Reserve* - £1722.65.
- b) A request was submitted from the Great North Air Ambulance in respect of a donation to its funds. (An amount of £100 had been included in the Council’s current budget.)

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Howarth that an amount of £100 be authorised. Carried unanimously.

103/13 Any Other Business.

- a) The Clerk reported that there had been a complaint of hedge clippings being left on the road after hedges had been clipped in Marton. *From the floor* Borough Councillor Doughty suggested that this could be a subject for discussion at the Local Area Committee when highways matters were considered. He also drew attention to the following:-
 - 1 The County Council had previously arranged for electric blankets to be tested for safety and in the Furness area, out of about 1,000 tested, almost 500 were found to be faulty and potentially dangerous. He emphasised where such faulty items were identified, a replacement was supplied free of charge. It was AGREED that due notice should be taken of any future adverts offering further free testing.
 - 2 The County Council was formulating its response to the latest round of budget reductions required by central government. This would be circulated to parish councils, and others, for comment in due course.
 - 3 Arrangements were now in hand for improved 24-hour reporting of any incidents or suspicions regarding child abuse. The County’s Children’s Services Department has created a Triage Team to enable all those involved in the welfare and protection of children to be made aware of any reported problems which should be reported via 0333 2401727.
- b) The Clerk drew attention to Remembrance Sunday which this year would fall on Sunday, 10th November. The Clerk and Councillor Howarth would attend the ceremony in Lindal in the morning whilst the Chairman and Councillor Lord would attend Marton in the afternoon.
- c) The Chairman reported that at the last meeting of the Rural Joint Committee it was said that all War Memorials would be cleaned as part of the forthcoming centenary of the outbreak of the 1st World War.
- d) The Clerk commented on previous discussions about the difficulties in having routine maintenance of lanes and byways carried out in the villages. In days gone by, most villages employed a “lengthman” who kept ditches and hedges clean and tidy, cleaned out drains and gullies, ensured signs weren’t obscured etc. However, it would appear

that one or two councils were now beginning to re-appoint such persons, usually for just a few hours per month, in order to attend to such routine jobs, Dalton Town Council and Colton Parish Council being two local examples. *From the floor* Borough Councillor Doughty suggested that, in his capacity as a County Councillor, there was a possibility that a limited amount of money might be found, to match any which the Parish Council might provide, to fund a limited number of hours of such a person within Lindal and Marton. It was AGREED that this matter be further discussed at the November meeting.

104/13 Date and Time of Next Meeting.

The DATE and TIME of the next meeting was AGREED as Thursday, 7th November 2013, 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.)