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Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 4th October 2012, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

Present:- Councillors A Waite; Mrs S Glover; Mr D Howarth;

Apologies:- Councillor R Lord; Mrs S Kelly.

Also present:- 3 members of the public.

In attendance:- PCSO Louise Perry, Cumbria Constabulary.

107 /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.

108/12 Disclosure of interests. Requests for dispensations.

None.

109/12 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 6th September, 2012.

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 6th September 2012, were taken as read and APPROVED.

PROPOSED:- Councillor Mrs Glover. SECONDED:- Councillor Waite. Carried unanimously.

110/12 Matters arising from those minutes.

- a) 100/12 Councillor Howarth asked if the Joint Rural Committee had discussed the Parish Council's highways priorities. Councillor Waite reported that the latest consideration regarding the flooding at "Broken Bridge" was that further attempts to improve the drainage were impossible until such time as the water table had subsided. The farmer responsible for the mud on the road had been further reminded of his responsibility in keeping the area clear of such deposits. It was suggested that the idea of digging a drainage ditch from the area where flooding takes place across a small piece of field to the lip of a small quarry should be explored in order to assist in diverting the water and the Clerk undertook to raise this with the highways department.

It was also suggested that residents in residential areas might be able to help to combat flooding in a small way by trying to keep drain grids clear of leaves and other debris, so far as this was practical.

- b) 100/12 Councillor Waite reported that his discussions at the Rural Joint Committee had led him to believe that there might be the possibility of funding available at Barrow Council for the purpose of “festivities” – eg, Christmas – and the Clerk undertook to make enquiries.

111/12 Attendance of Officer from Cumbria Constabulary.

PCSO Perry reported that there had been damage reported at an allotment and that hay nets and electric fencing had been stolen from the Marton area.

From the floor, a resident of Ulverston Road drew attention to the vehicles being parked in the vicinity of the housing development at the Anchor site and the problems he was having in getting onto the A590 with his car from the rear of his property. PCSO Perry confirmed that she would raise this with her traffic colleagues.

112/12. Report of School Governors. Submission of minutes, if any.

None.

113/12 Defibrillators and a First Responders Team.

The Clerk confirmed that arrangements had been made for a public meeting in the Buccleuch Hall on Friday, 12th October 2012, to enable any interested parishioners to hear from Mr Chris Hyde from the Ambulance Authority and Mrs Liz Gaskell from the Askam First Responders team on the requirements for the setting up of a First Responders team in Lindal and Marton. (Thanks were expressed to Miss Jackson for once again arranging for the supply of the appropriate leaflets.)

Councillor Howarth confirmed that the Buccleuch Hall Management Committee had no objections to the defibrillator box being affixed to the outer wall of the Hall but the Clerk reported that he was still waiting for a box to be supplied by District Councillor Murphy when he would be able to assess the requirements regarding its installation.

114/12 Barrow Borough Council. Consultation on Local Plan.

The Clerk reported that Barrow’s Local Plan appeared to have no particular recommendations in respect of Lindal and Marton. However, the Plan would eventually be published with any additions or amendments and at that time the Parish Council would have the opportunity to offer any comments should it think fit. NOTED.

115/12 Edward Wadham. Centenary of his death, 2013.

As was reported at the last meeting, (*vide minute 105/12 (e) September 2012*), local historian, Mr Roy Mason, had drawn the Council’s attention to the forthcoming centenary of the death of Edward Wadham, in 2013. (10th June). Mr Mason had produced a brief note suggesting that Mr Wadham had been responsible for many of the improvements in the lives of miners and their families during the period when he had been the mining agent in the district on behalf of the Duke of Buccleuch, being largely responsible for, amongst other things, the establishment of Lindal School - LAMPS. In addition, he had served the larger community of Barrow and district, being Mayor of the borough on four occasions.

He lived in the area from 1851 until his death in 1913, for part of the time in Lindal Mount (now known as The Old Vicarage) but apart from a brass plaque in St Peter's Church and a stained glass window in St Mary's Church, Dalton, there appeared little in the way of any lasting commemoration of his memory, in contrast to many others who had, for example, streets named after them.

During discussions *involving Mr Mason*, it was pointed out that Mr Wadham also lived for part of his life in the property known as Millwood and that it might be appropriate to commemorate Mr Wadham by naming after him the road which passes Millwood, from the bottom of Mill Brow to the roundabout at the bottom of the Dalton Bypass, to be named Wadham Way. Another suggestion was that Lindal village green could be named Wadham Green. It was AGREED that the Clerk should write to Barrow Borough Council and also Lindal school to draw their attention to this matter and to suggest that they give consideration as to how best this distinguished individual might be given permanent recognition.

116/12 Planning applications relating to the Parish.

B28/2012/0607. Felling of trees (Leylandii) and pruning of Ash tree, subject to Tree Preservation Order. 3, The Plantation, Lindal.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Waite and SECONDED by Councillor Howarth that the Parish Council express "no comment" on this application. Carried unanimously.

117/12 Correspondence.

- a) Planning applications relating to the whole of the Borough. NOTED.
- b) Cumbria County Council. Parish Newsletter. NOTED.
- c) ACT – Action with Communities in Cumbria. NOTED.
- d) CRUSE bereavement care. The availability of a counselling service for those recently bereaved was NOTED and the information was forwarded to Councillor Mrs Glover for her to place within St Peter's Church.
- e) SLDC. Application regarding the fulfilment of conditions relating to the planning permission already granted for development at Tony Brown Aggregates, Lindal. NOTED.

117/12 Finance.

- a) Cash balances:- Current account - £50. Reserve account – £2847.48.
- b) The Clerk submitted a letter from the Lindal Pre-school play-group (*vide minute 89/12 (a) August 2012*) identifying a piece of equipment which would be most helpful in recording the individual work and achievements of the children, namely, a digital camera @ £139. It was PROPOSED by Councillor Waite and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Glover that an amount of £139 be approved for the play group. Carried unanimously.

118/12 Any Other Business.

- a) The Clerk produced correspondence from Cumbria County Council Highways Department on the subject of its winter programme for dealing with ice and snow. It confirmed that its policy of providing supplies of grit to parish councils for use as each council thought fit would be repeated this coming year, but only if conditions were extreme enough to warrant it. CCC was proposing other initiatives, two of which involving volunteers, the first to treat minor country roads with snow-clearing equipment and grit (with their own equipment) and the second to clear footpaths in residential areas of snow. Any individuals or organisations willing to participate in these ventures should contact the Highways Department (01228 227653) or, for limited information, the Clerk, Mr Smith. (467261)

In addition, CCC was concerned about grit supplied within parish council areas for public roads and footpaths being used on private property and was suggesting that such councils might wish to consider ways in which this might be controlled, with lockable bins being one possibility.

b) The Clerk submitted posters in relation to the forthcoming election of a Police and Crime Commissioner for Cumbria, to take place on 15th November 2012. These were meant to be displayed within the Parish and it was left to the Clerk to make arrangements.

c) Councillor Waite drew attention to a series of Community Dementia Forums, hosted by the Alzheimer's Society, with one being scheduled for Friday, October 12th 2012, in Forum 28 Barrow. (Interested persons must book a place – 01539 742631)

d) Councillor Waite referred to the Mayor's Charity Ball, on 14th December 2012.

e) Councillor Howarth drew attention to the Notice Board outside the Hall and the need for refurbishment. The Clerk undertook to attend to this whenever the weather was appropriate.

f) The Clerk reported that a volunteer had come forward to take responsibility for looking after the ex-telephone box at the Green.

g) *from the floor*, it was pointed out that there were further problems with pot-holes, examples being in the lane to the side of Hempland Cottages and the pavement near the Hall. It was further suggested that the bushes on the banking on the A590 near to the Anchor site needed pruning as they were interfering with sight-lines when waiting for the Barrow-Ulverston buses. Reference was also made to the need for a waste-bin by the bus stop opposite the Anchor site. The Clerk undertook to pass these matters on to the appropriate departments.

h) Councillor Mrs Glover announced that the Window Decoration theme in St Peter's Church this year would be "Christmas Traditions".

119/12 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, 1st November 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.)