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Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 1st April 2010 at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

Present:-

Councillors A Waite (Chairman); D Howarth; R Lord; Mrs S Glover.

Apologies Councillor Mrs S Kelly.

Also present:- 4 members of the public.

In attendance:- Sgt. J McIntosh, Cumbria Constabulary.

42/10 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)

None.

43/10 Disclosure of Interests.

None

44/10 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 4th March 2010.

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 4th March, 2010, were taken as read, and APPROVED.

PROPOSED:- Councillor Howarth.

SECONDED:- Councillor Mrs Glover. Carried unanimously.

45/10 Matters arising.

- a) 32/10 Councillor Lord asked whether the Police had any information about the problem of straying sheep in the village. Sgt McIntosh confirmed that his colleagues had approached the farmer to whom the sheep belonged and had advised him of the need to ensure that fences etc were appropriately maintained so as to contain all sheep

within their fields. He also emphasised that any local residents who wanted to report any future occurrences should telephone the police as soon as possible on 0845 33 00 247. It was also AGREED that a suitable article on this subject should be prepared for “Aspects”.

- b) 31/10 (a) Reference was made to the proposed Rural Joint Committee and the Clerk confirmed that he had spoken to the Rural Projects Officer, Angela Knowles, for further clarification. She had reported that the proposals had not yet been ratified by the County and Borough Councils and also commented on her own role and the anticipated workings of the Joint Committee. Regarding her own position, she had responsibilities within Askam and Dalton, monitoring projects such as the development of the youth centre in Askam: insofar as the new Committee was concerned, it was to take the place of the individual liaison committees which Askam and Dalton had with Barrow Borough Council. (There had been a similar committee involving Lindal and Marton but this had not met for several years due to a lack of meaningful topics for discussion.) It was hoped that the new arrangements would make it easier for all the local councils to communicate with each other and for the dissemination of information.
- c) 40/10 (c) The Clerk confirmed that he had established that those responsible for leaving hedge clippings in the roadway, following the mechanical “flailing” of hedges, had a responsibility to clear away all clippings, thorns etc and that residents should feel free to telephone the Highways Department hot-line – 0845 609 6609 – with any problems.
- d) 33/10 The Clerk reported that he had received further information from the local Highways engineer, Kevin McGeough, on the subject of road-safety outside the school and also the winter road-gritting programme. He hoped to be able to improve the road markings outside the school but had no information about the variable speed limit signs which Councillor Mrs Glover had pointed out had been provide outside Lowick school. It was AGREED that he should be asked to contact Councillor Mrs Glover personally so that she could give him all the information she had as to how these signs had been provided for Lowick.

Mr McGeough indicated that, whilst he would mention to the appropriate Highways committee the concerns of both the Council and the school regarding the lack of gritting arrangements for the road leading up to the school, he was not hopeful that there would be any changes. The Clerk reported that County Councillor Jill Heath would be looking into the matter on behalf of the Parish Council.

46/10 Attendance of Officer from Cumbria Constabulary.

Sgt McIntosh reported that a further 17 bicycles had been security-marked in Marton recently. He also confirmed that the question of dog-fouling had been discussed with the Borough’s dog warden and that, along with the police, it was hoped that more attention could be given to the Parish to try and stop this nuisance. *From the floor*, it was pointed out that there were particular problems with dog-fouling in Marton and the Clerk undertook to see whether Barrow Council would be able to provide additional waste bins.

Councillor Lord reported that the Candle Factory was having problems with its car park being used out-of-hours by persons who were not customers. Sgt McIntosh confirmed that he would look into the matter.

47/10 Report of School Governors. Submission of minutes, if any.

There were no minutes for consideration.

48/10 Parish Paths Initiative.

It was confirmed that Councillor Lord and the Clerk, together with Mr Roy Mason from the Residents Association, had recently looked at the various paths within the Parish and that, on the whole, there did not appear to be any major problems, with all walks useable by walkers. However, there were a few issues which needed further consideration including, in particular, the footpath which ran across Lindal railway tunnel and which, in part, ran alongside the railway line, the proximity of the path to the line creating a potential hazard for walkers and / or any accompanying children or dogs. There were also some doubts as to how and where this footpath re-joined the road by Lindal Cote farm.

The Clerk also commented on the possibility of creating an information leaflet, illustrating the footpaths and any points of interest in the Parish, and it was AGREED that the Clerk would arrange for a further meeting in order to discuss what might be recommended to the County Council within this Initiative.

49/10 Adoption of BT telephone kiosks, Lindal and Marton.

The Clerk reported that he had received further information from BT confirming that, if BT retained the responsibility for the power supply to the kiosks, they would not be re-charging the to Council the cost of electricity used by the lights within the kiosks. Accordingly, he had completed a fresh Agreement form in which BT retained the responsibility for power supplies and had forwarded a cheque for £2 to complete the purchase. As-and-when the telephone equipment was removed the kiosks would then belong to the Council. It was AGREED that the Clerk would meet David Barr, the Chairman of the Residents Association, to discuss how best the kiosks could be utilised.

50/10 Planning applications relating to the Parish.

6/2010/0328 900 mm boundary wall, front of 30 Fair View, Marton.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Howarth that the Council express “no comment” on this application. Carried unanimously.

51/1 0 Correspondence.

- a) Planning applications relating to the whole of the Borough. NOTED.
- b) Highways Agency. Comments on the A590/ London Road junction. The Clerk reported that the Highways Agency had looked again at the suggestion that the junction would benefit from the installation of traffic lights and had re-affirmed its view that the levels of traffic etc did not warrant any change to the existing arrangements. Similarly, it was satisfied that the existing 40 mph speed limit was appropriate. NOTED.
- c) Highways Agency. Update re major roadworks, NW England. NOTED.
- d) Cumbria C.C. Update re roads/bridges repairs after floods. NOTED.
- e) Barrow Council minutes. 21/1/10 to 18/3/10 NOTED.
- f) Craven Rail. An appeal for support re the re-instatement of the Colne/Skipton rail link. It was AGREED that the Clerk should write a letter of support.
- g) Duddon Estuary Partnership. Meetings. NOTED.

52/10 Finance.

- a) Cash balances:- Current account £50 Reserve account:- £1167.91.
- b) The Clerk reported (*vide minute 49/10 above*) that Councillors Mrs Kelly and Mrs Glover had signed a cheque for £2 to complete the purchase of the telephone kiosks. It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Howarth that this action be approved. Carried unanimously.

- c) Assessment of the Council's policy regarding charitable donations. In the light of the absence of Councillor Mrs Kelly, this matter was deferred.

53/10 Any Other Business.

Councillor Mrs Glover reported that a local resident was concerned about mud being washed down Mount Pleasant in Lindal and blocking drains. It was suggested that the resident be advised to telephone the County Council's hot-line - 0845 609 6609 - should this occur again.

54 /10 Date and Time of Next Meeting.

The date and time of the next meeting, which would be the **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**, was AGREED as Thursday, 6th May, at 7.30 pm. It was noted that the Buccleuch Hall would be used for election purposes on that evening and it was AGREED that the meeting would take place in St Peter's Church, Lindal.

(All residents of the Parish are reminded that the Council meetings are open to the public and that all are welcome to attend.)