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Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 2nd June 2011 at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

Present:-

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

Also present:- 1 member of the public.

In attendance:- PCSO John McVeigh, Cumbria Constabulary.
Mr Barry Doughty, Borough Councillor, Dalton North Ward.

60/11 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)

None.

61/11 Disclosure of interests.

None

62/11 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday, 5th May 2011.

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday, 5th May, 2011, were taken as read, and APPROVED.

PROPOSED:- Councillor Waite.

SECONDED:- Councillor Lord. Carried unanimously.

63/11 Matters arising.

- a) 54/11 Councillor Lord asked whether anything further had been heard from the Boundary Commission regarding the proposed make-up of the County Council. The Clerk reported that nothing had been heard.
- b) 58/11 (b) Councillor Mrs Kelly reported that the Wild Life Park at Dalton had confirmed that the stray duck, currently residing on Lindal green, was not from the Park. It was also reported that the RSPB had indicated that they had no particular concerns.

64/11 Attendance of Officer from Cumbria Constabulary.

PCSO McVeigh passed on apologies from PCSO Perry who would normally have attended. He reported that there had been no instances of recorded crime in the Parish during the last month. He also reported that the next meeting of the Police liaison committee would take place in Dalton Town Hall on Monday, 6th June, at 6.30 pm, when anyone could attend to discuss any concerns.

65/11. Report of School Governors. Submission of minutes, if any.

The minutes from the meeting held on 8th March 2011 were NOTED.

66/11 Cumbria County Council. Future of libraries.

The discussion paper from Cumbria County Council on the future provision of library services had been circulated in advance to members and, after discussion, it was AGREED that the thoughts and suggestions from Councillor Lord should form the basis of the Parish Council's response. (Councillor Lord to complete the consultation form.) In brief, library buildings should remain open as libraries wherever possible, and the use by other organisations should be explored so as to make optimum use of the facilities: the importance of library facilities for children should be emphasised: more use should be made of cheaper – paper-back – versions of books.

It was understood that the County Council would be collating all the responses from across the county with a view to there being a more formal consultation on specific proposals for change, probably in the Autumn.

67/11 Planning applications relating to the Parish.

There were no planning applications for consideration.

68/11 Correspondence.

- a) Planning applications relating to the whole of the Borough. NOTED.
- b) Cumbria County Council. Newsletters for parishes. NOTED.
- c) Friends of the Lake District. Newsletter. NOTED.

69/11 Finance.

- a) Cash balances:- Current account - £50. Reserve account - £217.76. (NB The precept of £2,500 not yet received from Barrow Council.)
- b) A renewal notice from the Cumbria Playing Fields Association regarding the yearly affiliation fee was considered and it was AGREED that the matter be deferred until the next meeting to allow councillors the opportunity to assess the correspondence accompanying the request.
- c) The Clerk reported that the Annual Audit Report (*vide minute 57/11, May 2011*) had been returned by the auditors highlighting an error. From the information in the Report the auditors had learnt that the Council were now in the position of owning assets, in the form of the two ex-BT phone boxes, bought for £1 each and being used as Information Points in the villages. As a consequence, they had to be shown as assets in the Report but because the Council had never had to make any such declaration in the past (no assets were owned before) this requirement had been overlooked. The Report had been returned to the auditors with suitable amendments and a reply was awaited to confirm that the matter was now resolved.

70/11 Any Other Business.

- a) Councillor Lord drew attention to the outstanding repairs required for the Information Kiosk by Lindal village green and reported that there were serious problems in trying to ensure that the door closed properly. The defect was allowing wind and rain to enter the kiosk and as a result, the contents were being badly damaged. It was AGREED that he and Councillor Waite, with the Clerk, would examine the kiosk in an attempt to devise a solution.
- b) Councillor Howarth, on behalf of the Buccleuch Hall Management Committee, reported that there had been a surplus of £26.16 from the amount of £200 granted by the Parish Council for the purpose of the Royal Wedding party held on the village green recently. He also produced various letters from local residents saying how much the event had been appreciated. It was AGREED that the surplus could be retained by the Committee as a donation towards the anticipated celebrations to be held in 2012 on the occasion of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.
- c) The Chairman referred to Barrow Borough Council's Civic Sunday event, planned for 12th June. NOTED.
- d) Councillor Mrs Kelly said that she still needed to contact the school regarding the paintings by the children which were on display in the Information Kiosks, particularly in view of the defects mentioned in (a) above. She also confirmed that the play group had been able to secure some financial assistance via Angela Knowles of the joint rural committee.
- e) *From the floor* Borough Councillor Doughty confirmed that the three newly-elected labour party Borough councillors for the Dalton North Ward hoped to always have a presence at the Parish Council's monthly meetings. "Surgeries" would continue to be held in the Buccleuch Hall on the last Saturday of the month, from 11.45 am to 12.30 pm. Councillor Doughty announced that he was also vice-chairman of the Borough's scrutiny committee and the Borough's representative on the Buccleuch Hall Management Committee. He made reference to the Borough's member training sessions for new councillors and indicated that these would be open to parish councillors as well.

71/11 Date and Time of Next Meeting.

It was noted that some of the Council would be on holiday at the time of the next scheduled meeting (7th July) and as a consequence it was AGREED that the date and time of the next meeting would be **Thursday, 4th August 2011**, 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.)