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Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on MONDAY, 2nd November 2009 at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

Present:- Councillors D Howarth (in the chair); R Lord; Mrs S Glover; Mrs S Kelly.

Apologies:- Councillor A Waite.

Also present: - 2 members of the public.

In attendance:- PC Karen Harris and PCSO Louise Perry, Cumbria Constabulary.

119/09 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)

None.

120/09 Disclosure of Interests.

Councillor Howarth declared an interest in agenda item 13 (c) *minute 130/09 (b)* in that he was a member of the Buccleuch Hall Management Committee, the organisers of the Senior Citizens' Christmas Party.

121/09 Minutes of the meetings held on Thursday, 1st October and Monday 5th October 2009.

The minutes of the meetings held on Thursday, 1st October and Monday, 5th October 2009 were taken as read and APPROVED.

PROPOSED:- Councillor Mrs Kelly.

SECONDED:- Councillor Lord. Carried unanimously.

122/09 Matters arising.

- a) 117/09 The Clerk reported that Barrow Borough Council had given approval to the outline planning application to demolish the Anchor Inn and to build five new houses in its place.
- b) 115/09(c) The Clerk confirmed that he had received the necessary assurance that the Parish Council would be formally consulted as and when the Wild Life Park submitted a planning application for expansion.

123/09 Attendance of Officers from Cumbria Constabulary.

PC Karen Harris and PCSO Louise Perry were in attendance and it was confirmed that three men had been apprehended in connection with the recent burglaries in Lindal and Marton. They had been released on bail pending further enquiries.

PC Harris further confirmed that she had visited Lindal school to discuss the problem of traffic outside the school. She was also able to report that Halloween Night had been uneventful.

The Clerk indicated that a local resident had approached him with news of an apparent attempt to break into his property and PCSO Perry undertook to follow this up.

124/09 Report of School Governors. Submission of minutes – if any.

The minutes of the Governors' meeting of 22nd June 2009 were NOTED.

125/09 Adoption of BT telephone kiosks, Lindal and Marton.

Further discussions took place regarding the ongoing confusion over the wattage of the bulbs in the kiosks and the consequential power consumption and costs. The Clerk was still awaiting definitive information on this but it was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Kelly that, notwithstanding any such confusion, and the potential for the total electricity charges being around £100 per annum, arrangements be continued for the adoption of the kiosks. Carried unanimously.

126/09 Cumbria County Council. Strategic Housing Market Assessment.

The Clerk reported that the information in relation to the Barrow Borough Council area was still not available. (*Vide minute 84/09, August 2009.*)

127/09 Standing Orders: Risk Assessment and Management: Internal Audit

Copies of the policy documents "Standing Orders" and "Risk Assessment and Management" had previously been circulated with a view to determining whether any amendments were necessary. The Clerk recommended that no action was required other than to make reference in "Risk Assessment and Management" to the need to mention the possibility that the Council might, in future, own property in the form of phone kiosks. (*vide minute 125/09, above.*) Accordingly, section 1 of the document should carry an appropriate reference. It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Howarth that the documents be approved with the recommended amendment. Carried unanimously

Insofar as the Internal Audit arrangements were concerned, the Council's representative for assessing these, Councillor Howarth, had not yet been able to contact the Internal Auditor, Mr J Bentley, as he was on holiday. This would be further discussed at the next meeting.

128/09 Planning applications relating to the Parish.

B13/2009/1836. Conversion of the New Inn, Marton, into 2 semi-detached houses.

Reference was made to the fact that the public house in Marton, the New Inn, had been empty for at least eighteen months and that attempts to retain it as a viable commercial concern had been unsuccessful. The Council deplored the loss of another village amenity but recognized that this was predominately due to wider changes in the social habits of the general population, with there being a much reduced demand for traditional village pubs. The Council was aware that the building was outside the formal residential cordon for Marton but, given that

- it was in the middle of the village and within the general residential area;
- it would remain essentially the same in shape and overall size;
- its use as a pub went hand-in-hand with having at least one family in residence;

the Council's view was that the proposed conversion into two houses, which would allow two families to be in residence, should be considered to be a sensible use of an abandoned building.

It was, therefore, PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Glover that the Council raise no objection to this application.

Carried unanimously.

129/09 Correspondence.

- a) Planning applications relating to the whole of the Borough. NOTED.
- b) Cumbria Highways. Newsletter. NOTED.
- c) Barrow Borough Council minutes, 21/07/09 to 29/09/09. NOTED.
- d) Duddon Estuary Partnership. Minutes and AGM. NOTED.
- e) Cumbria County Council, Passenger Transport Guide. (timetables) NOTED.
- f) Morecambe Bay Partnership prospectus. NOTED.

130/09 Finance.

- a) Cash balances:- Current account £50 Reserve account:- £2770.63.
- b) The Clerk submitted
 - a petty-cash reimbursement request for £26.27;
 - an invoice for £33 from the British Legion in respect of Remembrance Sunday poppy wreaths;
 - an appeal for financial support from the North West Air Ambulance.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Howarth and SECONDED by Councillor Lord that

- the Clerk's petty-cash reimbursement be authorised;
- the invoice for the wreaths be approved for payment;
- an amount of £100 be granted to the North West Air Ambulance.

Carried unanimously

- c) A discussion then took place regarding a request from the Buccleuch Hall Management Committee for financial assistance towards the cost of the annual Senior Citizens' Christmas party, this being organised by volunteers but with costs amounting to around £400. (Councillor Howarth took no part in the discussions or vote: *vide minute 120/09*). The Council normally made a donation towards such expenses every year and in 2008 this had been £250. It was PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs Glover and SECONDED by Councillor Lord that on this occasion an amount of £300 be granted.

Carried unanimously.

131/09 Any Other Business.

Reference was made to Remembrance Sunday – 8th November – and the laying of wreaths at the War Memorials in Lindal and Marton. It was AGREED that Councillor Howarth and the Clerk would be in attendance at the Lindal Memorial at 10.30 am and Councillor Mrs Kelly and the Clerk would attend the Marton Memorial at 2.00 pm.

132/09 Date and Time of Next Meeting.

The date and time of the next meeting was AGREED as Thursday, 3rd December 2009, 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.)