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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 4th December 2008 at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

Present:-

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

Also present: - 4 members of the public.

In attendance:-

Apologies were received from Cumbria Constabulary.

133/08 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)

None.

134/08 Disclosure of Interests.

Councillors Howarth, Ms Rainbow and Mrs Kelly declared an interest in item 13, minute number 142, in that they all lived within the conservation area..

135/08 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 6th November, 2008.

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 6th November 2008 were taken as read and APPROVED.

PROPOSED:- Councillor Ms Rainbow.

SECONDED:- Councillor. Mrs Kelly. Carried unanimously.

136 /08 Matters arising.

- a) 121/08 (a) Councillor Lord enquired as to the latest position regarding the telephone kiosk which was still awaiting repair. The Clerk confirmed that he had now written to BT's headquarters in London but, again, there had been no reply. However, he had also discussed the matter with the Evening Mail's correspondent responsible for its

“Action Desk” and was hopeful that, should the Press show an interest in the matter as he anticipated, it would trigger off some movement from BT.

- b) 121/08 (d) Councillor Lord asked about the planning application to remove the sycamore tree and the Clerk was able to advise that Barrow Borough Council was in discussions with the applicant with a view to finding a compromise solution which did not require the total removal of the tree.

137/08 Attendance of Officer from Cumbria Constabulary.

No officers were present.

138/08 Report of School Governors. Submission of minutes – if any.

The minutes of the School Governors meeting on 22nd September were NOTED.

139/08 Lindal Village Green.

There was nothing to report regarding the installation of the kerbs.

140/08 Prospective Wind Farm, Standish Cote.

Nothing further had been heard regarding this project from the developers. However, it was noted that several posters publicising the project had appeared within the Buccleuch Hall and were currently affixed to one of the walls although there was no knowledge of any attempt having been made to make any local residents aware of such posters and the information they contained.

141/08 “Code of Conduct for councillors and employees”

Councillors Waite and Howarth pointed out that they had not yet had the opportunity to read the document in question and it was AGREED that this be included in the circulation file and that the said councillors communicate with the Clerk as soon as possible if they felt that there were issues which might warrant an official response from the Council.

142/08 Christmas Services, St Peter’s Church.

Councillor Ms Rainbow reminded the Council that St Peter’s Church would be looking to see the Church windows decorated again this year, with various village organisations being asked to take responsibility for individual windows. It was AGREED that Councillors Lord, Howarth, Ms Rainbow and Mrs Kelly would arrange to decorate one such window.

143/08 Planning applications relating to the Parish.

6/2008/1495. Notice of intention of tree-thinning and clearance, High Farm House, Lindal (conservation area) The Clerk pointed out that he had received this application the day after the last Council meeting, ie., on Friday, 7th November. However, if the system for email notification had been implemented by Barrow Council, whereby the Clerk is given advance warning that an application is in the pipeline, he would have been able to advise the Council of the details at the last meeting and a decision could have been reached within the time-limit of three weeks. Unfortunately, no such advance notification had been given on that occasion. Whilst the Council could still make a recommendation it might not be considered, given that the time-limit had expired. However, it was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Waite that the Council express no objection to the application provided that Barrow Council’s arboricultural advisor agreed that the proposals were acceptable. Carried unanimously.

144/08 Correspondence.

- a) Planning applications outwith the Parish. NOTED.
- b) Duddon Estuary Partnership. AGM, 13th November. NOTED.
- c) Furness Partnership. AGM, 12th December. NOTED.

145/08 Finance.

- a) Cash balances :- Current account £50 Reserve account:- £2237.81
- b) Society of Local Council Clerks. It was PROPOSED by Councillor Waite and SECONDED by Councillor Lord that the Clerk's annual subscription (£44) to this body be paid by the Council, as in previous years. Carried unanimously.

146/08 Any Other Business.

- a) Councillor Mrs Kelly advised that a local resident had raised concerns about HGVs still ignoring the HGV restriction within Lindal, the vehicles being mainly agricultural, visiting the abattoir. It was AGREED that discussions on this subject be deferred until the next meeting when it was hoped that a representative of the Police would be in attendance.
- b) Councillor Mrs Kelly commented on continuing concerns by the village school at the lack of action by Capita in renewing the white lines/markings on the road outside the school. It was AGREED that this be further discussed as and when the Police were present. It was also pointed out that the school had contact details to enable them to pursue the matter themselves with Capita.
- c) Councillor Lord referred to the outstanding commitment from Capita to arrange for an assessment of the traffic on the road from The Green in Lindal, to Marton, to see whether a 20 mph speed limit was warranted. He wondered whether this was the reason for the recent placement of traffic-monitoring cables onto the road surface next to the village green and the Clerk confirmed that he would make appropriate enquiries.
- d) Councillor Waite mentioned the most recent spell of icy weather and the lack of any gritting material in Marton. The Clerk had informed Capita of the problem and supplies of grit were delivered to the village within 24 hours. The outstanding problem was one of a shortage storage bins for the grit, the fear being that loosely dumped material would be washed away by heavy rain. The Clerk undertook to ask Capita if bins could be provided for Snipe Ghyll and Silver St.

147/08 Date and Time of Next Meeting.

It was pointed out that the next meeting should be on Thursday, 1st January, 2009, but that this would be unsuitable as it would be New Year's Day, when neither Councillors nor residents would be inclined to attend. It was AGREED that there would be no meeting in January and that the next meeting would be at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal, on **THURSDAY, 5th FEBRUARY 2009.**

(An emergency meeting can be arranged should there be any urgent items requiring attention before February.)

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