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Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 5th January 2012, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

Present:- Councillors A Waite; R Lord; Mrs S Glover; D Howarth; Mrs S Kelly.

Also present:- 1 member of the public.

In attendance:-

PC Dave Richards, PCSO Louise Perry and PCSO John McVeigh, Cumbria Constabulary.
Barrow Borough Councillor Denis Bell.

1/12 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)

None.

2/12 Disclosure of interests.

None.

3/12 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 1st December 2011.

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 1st December 2011, were taken as read and APPROVED

PROPOSED:- Councillor Lord. SECONDED:- Councillor Mrs Glover .

Carried unanimously.

4/12 Matters arising.

- a) 119/11 (j) Councillor Lord asked whether anything had been heard regarding the problems relating to the abattoir. The Clerk confirmed that the premises had been visited by an officer from the Environment Agency (who had also visited the complainant) and it was hoped that the problem had now been resolved.
- b) 114/11 Councillor Mrs Kelly asked PCSO Perry whether there had been any developments regarding the alleged incident involving youths stringing a length of cord across the road. PCSO Perry reported that she had been unable to find any record of this incident being reported to the Police and had been unable to take the matter further.

- c) 121/11 (a) Councillor Waite enquired as to the situation regarding pot-holes. The Clerk confirmed that he had spoken to the local Highway Steward who had promised to see what could be done. The matter was still unresolved and the Clerk undertook to pursue the matter further.

5/12 Attendance of Officer from Cumbria Constabulary.

PC Edwards commented on an attempted break-in at a work-shop adjacent to West Cumberland Farmers. Nothing had been taken but it underlined the need for property owners to take care in ensuring that their property was as secure as possible.

Councillor Mrs Kelly drew attention to vehicles being parked on double yellow lines adjacent to her own property and causing problems for her and her family in gaining access to her drive. It was pointed out that, unless vehicles were causing an obstruction (in which case the police could intervene) the matter was the responsibility of Barrow Borough Council. In the first instance it was suggested that any offending vehicles should have a polite notice affixed to the windscreen asking for co-operation.

6/12. Report of School Governors. Submission of minutes, if any.

The minutes of the meeting held on 26th September, 2011, were NOTED.

7/12 Planning applications relating to the Parish.

- a) *6/2011/0833 Two 12 mtr-high wind turbines, Maidenlands Farm, Marton.* It was noticed that there were no residents from Marton present at the meeting although Councillor Waite confirmed that, as a resident himself, he hadn't been notified, nor was he aware of anybody else being notified. It was then PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Howarth that the Council express "no comment" on this application. There were 4 votes in favour of the proposal with 1 abstention: the proposal was, therefore, carried.
- b) *B18/2011/0834 One 15 mtr-high wind turbine, Scale Bank Farm, Marton.* It was pointed out that this application was in place of one which had been considered by the Parish Council in August 2011, at which time the Council had decided to express "no comment". That application had been withdrawn before being considered by Barrow Council. This particular application showed the turbine in a slightly different position within the farm boundary, apparently because of the potential for interference with radio transmissions on the original site. It was PROPOSED by Councillor Howarth and SECONDED by Councillor Lord that the Council express "no comment". Carried unanimously.

8/12 Correspondence.

- a) Planning applications relating to the whole of the Borough. NOTED.
- b) Campaign to Protect Rural England. Guidance regarding planning applications. NOTED.
- c) Enterprise Mouchel. The plans to upgrade the pedestrian crossing lights on the A590 in Lindal (whilst remaining predominantly the same) were NOTED.
- d) West Cumbria MRWS Partnership. Arrangements for public meetings to discuss proposals re the disposal of radioactive waste in west Cumbria (the nearest being at the Dock Museum, Barrow, Tuesday 7th February, 1 pm to 7 pm) were NOTED.
- e) Duddon Estuary Partnership minutes. NOTED.

9/12 Finance.

- a) Cash balances:- Current account - £50. Reserve account - £1665.30.
- b) The Clerk confirmed that a cheque had been provided for Mrs B Proctor, of Marton, in respect of a Christmas Tree for Marton Park, such cheque authorised and signed by the Chairman and Councillor Mrs Kelly. (*vide minute 121/11 (b) December 2011*)
- c) The Clerk submitted a request for his subscription to the Society of Local Council Clerks (£46) to be paid as in previous years.
- d) A request for a donation to the North West Air Ambulance was submitted. It was suggested that £100 could be provided, in line with previous years.
- e) The Annual Precept for 2012/2013 was discussed, together with the budget proposals for the coming year (the details having previously been circulated to all Councillors). The suggested Precept of £3,000 was roughly the equivalent of 22p per week to be added to the Council Tax for a Band D property as compared to the current year's precept of £2,500 and 18p per week.

It was then PROPOSED by Councillor Howarth and SECONDED by Councillor Lord that:-

- 1 items (b), (c) and (d) be APPROVED
- 2 the Precept for 2012/2013 be £3,000.

Carried unanimously.

10/12 Any Other Business.

- a) Councillor Mrs Glover commented on the beautiful Christmas decorations in St Peter's Church and mentioned in particular the commendable efforts by Councillor Lord and his family in respect of the window which they had decorated on behalf of the Parish Council.
- b) Councillor Waite drew attention to the new arrangements for contacting the Police for non-urgent reasons. He referred to a new national number, "101", with this being available for members of the public who wished to contact their local police force on a non-urgent matter. The number "999" would still be available for those wanting to contact the Police (or other Emergency Services) in the event of an emergency.
PCSO Perry confirmed that "101" was now fully operational in Cumbria (and nationally), for all non-urgent requirements.

11/12 Date and Time of Next Meeting.

It was AGREED that the next meeting of the Parish Council would take place on Thursday, 2nd February 2012, 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.)