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Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 6th January 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 Louise Perry, Cumbria Constabulary

1/11 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)

The Clerk reported that he had recently received details of a planning application in respect of the replacement of a warehouse building at the Old Sawmills Yard, Lindal, with a response required before the next meeting of the Parish Council. The Chairman confirmed that this matter could be debated under item 9 of the Agenda – “Planning applications relating to the Parish.” (see minute 7/11, below).

2/11 Disclosure of interests.

None.

3/11 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 2nd December 2010.

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 2nd December, 2010, were taken as read, and APPROVED.

PROPOSED:- Councillor Howarth.

SECONDED:- Councillor Waite. Carried unanimously.

4/11 Matters arising.

- a) 139/10 (a) Councillor Lord reported that he had repaired a broken door-stay on the Lindal Information Point Kiosk although further attention was required to the door itself as it would not close completely. In addition, work was still required to make the window panes waterproof. Councillor Lord was thanked for his work so far.
- b) 139/10 (b). The Chairman confirmed that the residents of Marton had made arrangements for the provision of a small Christmas tree in Marton park and that reimbursement of

about £50 was required. This would be dealt with under Agenda item 11 – “Finance”. (see minute 10/11 (c) below).

- c) 140/10. Councillor Lord asked PCSO Perry whether anything had been done about the dog-fouling. PCSO Perry confirmed that she had hand-delivered letters to residents who lived in the immediate vicinity of the Green in Lindal to advise them of their responsibilities and the penalties which could apply.
- d) 145/10 (e) Councillor Lord referred to the on-going problems regarding refuse collection and asked whether the Clerk had written to the Chief Executive of Barrow Borough Council to express the Parish Council’s concerns in this regard. The Clerk indicated that he had written, as requested, but that the responses had shone little light on the reasons why there had been, on the face of it, a complete cessation of collections when, for example, SLDC had been able to collect from those properties in Lindal which were within SLDC’s area. To compound matters, even the so-called “help line” was unavailable until January 4th. However, it was noted that this seemed to be a nationwide problem and it was hoped that there would be national initiatives to help overcome such difficulties in the future.

5/11 Attendance of Officer from Cumbria Constabulary.

PCSO Perry indicated that the next meeting of the police liaison committee would be held on Tuesday, 10th January 2011, at 6.45 pm, in Dalton Town Hall, immediately before the meeting of Dalton Town Council.

PCSO Perry reported that the door to a stable on Snipe Ghyll had been tampered with recently, although nothing had been taken.

6/11. Report of School Governors. Submission of minutes, if any.

The minutes of the meeting held on 27th September, 2010, were NOTED..

7/11 Cumbria County Council. Consultation re budget reductions.

Reference was made to the document circulated by Cumbria County Council setting out its suggested budget proposals for the year 2011/12 and which would take account of the need to make severe reductions in allocations in order to meet the Council’s anticipated shortfall in finances. In view of the complexity of this matter, and mindful of the fact that attempts to protect specific budget headings would inevitably lead to additional pressures elsewhere, it was PROPOSED by Councillor Waite and SECONDED by Councillor Howarth that no comments be passed on the County Council’s proposals. Carried unanimously.

8/11 Planning applications relating to the Parish.

6/2011/0009. erection of replacement warehouse building, Old Sawmills Yard, Lindal.

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

9/11 Correspondence.

- a) Planning applications relating to the whole of the Borough. NOTED.
- b) Cumbria County Council. Local newsletter. NOTED.

10/11 Finance.

- a) Cash balances:- Current account £50 Reserve account:- £1548.49
- b) Reference was made to the Parish Council's budgetary proposals for the year commencing April 2011, details of which having been previously circulated to all members. The Clerk drew attention to the parish council elections which would occur in May, 2011, and the fact that there would be one-off expenses which had not been experienced since the last such elections, four years previously. As a consequence he was recommending that the annual precept for 2011/12 be £2,500 as compared to £2,000 in the current year.
NB. The precept in 07/08 and 08/09 was similarly £2,500.
It was PROPOSED by Councillor Howarth and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Kelly that the precept for 2011/12 be £2,500 and that Barrow Borough Council be so advised.
Carried unanimously.
- (c) It was PROPOSED by Councillor Waite and SECONDED by Councillor Howarth that a cheque for £49.99 be prepared in respect of a Christmas tree and lights for Marton park.
Carried unanimously.

11/11 Any Other Business.

- a) Councillor Mrs Kelly paid tribute to the efforts of Councillor Lord in ensuring that the Parish Council had a decorated window in St Peter's Church in respect of the Christmas festivities.
- b) The Clerk submitted minutes regarding the meeting held on 18th November 2010 by Infinergy in respect of their proposed wind farm.
- c) Councillor Lord asked whether anything further was known regarding the Cricket Club's planning application regarding a wind turbine. Nothing was known other than the fact that the application was refused.

12/11 Date and Time of Next Meeting.

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