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Minutes of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 7th May 2009 at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

Present:-

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

Also present: - 4 members of the public.

In attendance:-

PC Karen Harris, Cumbria Constabulary.
Ms Sue Naylor, Age Concern.

Apologies from Gary Thomas, Capita, and borough councillor Jill Heath.

46/09 Election of Chairman.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Howarth and SECONDED by Councillor Lord that Councillor Waite be Chairman for the coming year. Carried unanimously.

47/09 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)

None.

48/09 Disclosure of Interests.

None.

49/09 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 2nd April 2009.

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 2nd April 2009 were taken as read and APPROVED.

PROPOSED:- Councillor D Howarth.

SECONDED:- Councillor. Ms S Rainbow. Carried unanimously.

50/09 Matters arising.

35/09 (d) Councillor Howarth asked whether there was any progress regarding the refurbishment of the telephone kiosk at The Green. The Clerk confirmed that cleaning and repainting was still awaited and that he was trying to contact BT on this matter.

51/09 Attendance of Officer from Cumbria Constabulary.

PC Harris had nothing to report but pointed out that the summer months usually saw an increase in the theft of garden furniture and equipment and advised that such items should be kept locked away when not in use and that, where possible, serial numbers etc should be recorded as a means of identification. It was AGREED that the Clerk prepare an item on this for inclusion in "Aspects".

Councillor Mrs Kelly advised that a local resident had recently informed her of occasions when older youths were using the children's playground, opposite Mount Pleasant, when the playground was specifically reserved for younger children. In addition, it had been reported that such youths were mistreating the play equipment and defacing it with graffiti. It was suggested that the complainant might have coated some equipment with anti-climb paint in an attempt to deter such activity. It was AGREED that the Clerk contact the borough council's parks department with a request that they investigate and that PC Harris suggest to her PCSO colleagues that they try to visit the playground more frequently.

52/09 Local highways issues. Attendance of officer from Capita. (County Council)

The Clerk reported that Mr Gary Thomas, from Capita, was unable to attend the meeting as had previously been arranged. However, he had been able to provide an update on those items which had been referred to him for action/comment, as follows:-

- A request to have the two main roads in the parish (Lindal – School Terrace – Marton and St Peter's Church – Henning Hill) included in the County Council's winter road-gritting programme will be included in a report which will be submitted to the County Council's Highways Network Manager for consideration in due course.
- The issue of HGVs travelling through Lindal (on the road to the abattoir which has an HGV restriction) has been further discussed with the Traffic Management Officer of Cumbria Constabulary and it is hoped that more can be done with a view to prosecuting offending drivers. No further action is contemplated regarding a traffic census or additional signs.
- The question of slowing down the traffic as it passes the school remains outstanding but the Council will be informed as and when any proposals are forthcoming.

53/09 Community Support Service for Older People affected by cancer. Attendance of officer from Age Concern.

Ms Sue Naylor, from Age Concern (in association with Macmillan Cancer Support), addressed the Council on the subject of "community support services for older people affected by cancer". It was explained how it was planned to develop a service for all those who were either cancer sufferers or carers of those with this condition and who were predominantly in the older age group (and thus, perhaps, less able to cope) so that they could be put in touch with whatever agencies were best equipped to assist.

The problems envisaged were not necessary medical but were more concerned with the day-to-day problems which can affect people's social and emotional health and well-being and which would be of a practical nature. Ms Naylor and her colleagues would be working with

voluntary and statutory groups, community groups and individuals, to identify where patients and/or their carers could be given practical help and support.

Ms Naylor confirmed that an expanded explanatory leaflet was shortly to be produced and it was AGREED that this should be the basis of a special article in "Aspects". The Clerk would advise Ms Naylor about contacting the editor.

54/09 Report of School Governors. Submission of minutes – if any.

There were no minutes for consideration.

55/09 Lindal Village Green.

The Clerk reported that he was still waiting to hear from Barrow Borough Council on the subject of the damaged railings and also the unauthorised appearance of sheep on the green. *From the floor*, it was suggested that the Borough Council were intending to put locks on the gates to the green in order to control such unauthorised access.

56/09 Cumbria Village of the Year.

Councillor Mrs Kelly confirmed that she had had nobody calling at her hairdressing salon in order to register any interest in the "Cumbria Village of the Year" and it was AGREED that there be no further action.

57/09 Planning applications relating to the Parish.

a) 6/09/0432 *Extension to store/outbuilding, Lindal school.* It was PROPOSED by Councillor Howarth and SECONDED by Councillor Waite that the council express "no comment" on this proposal. Carried unanimously.

58/09 Correspondence.

- a) Planning applications outwith the Parish. NOTED. (NB The weekly list is now circulated to councillors electronically and, on this occasion, there were no copies of the planning papers intended for submission to the Borough Council's planning committee, such meeting having been deferred.)
- b) South Lakeland District Council. Land Development Plan. NOTED.
- c) Equality and Human Rights Commission. Public sector duties. NOTED.
- d) Barrow Borough Council minutes. 20/1/09 to 8/4/09. NOTED.
- e) Street sweeping schedule. It was NOTED that the Borough Council's mechanical road-sweeper was planning to visit Lindal and Marton on the following dates (all Tuesdays) – *12th May; 16th June; 21st July; 25th August; 29th September; 3rd November; 8th December.* It was AGREED that it would be helpful if residents could arrange, wherever possible, for any parked vehicles to be removed from outside their houses in order to give the street-sweeper ease of access.

59/09 Finance.

- a) Cash balances :- Current account £50 Reserve account:- £1467.78
- b) It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Kelly that the Council's insurance requirements for 2009/10 be met by accepting the premium quoted by Allianz, in the sum of £253.90. Carried unanimously.
- c) The Clerk referred to the Annual Audit Return, summarising the Council's financial situation for the year 2008/09, and requiring authorisation by the Council before being submitted to the auditors appointed by the Audit Commission. Copies of the Return had

previously been circulated to Council members for their perusal and it was, therefore, PROPOSED by Councillor Ms Rainbow and SECONDED by Councillor Howarth that:-

- Section 1, the Statement of Accounts, be APPROVED;
- Section 2, the Annual Governance Statement, be COMPLETED and APPROVED;
- Section 4, the Annual Internal Audit Report be ACCEPTED.

Carried unanimously.

60/09 Any Other Business.

a) Councillor Howarth raised the following:-

- Weeds were again growing on the footpath in the vicinity of the Church: the Clerk would refer this to the highways department.
- Trees were overhanging the footpath by the Church: Councillor Howarth confirmed that he would arrange for appropriate pruning.
- The road sign for Guards Road needed re-fixing: Councillor Lord (a resident of the road) undertook to follow this up.
- There appeared to be illicit dumping of spoil on the roadside between Henning and Tytup: the Clerk would follow this up.
- He was intending to participate in the Keswick to Barrow Walk and he suggested that the Council consider making a donation to the Walk funds if he successfully completed the course. It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Kelly that the possibility of making a donation of £50 to the Walk funds be made an agenda item for the next meeting. Carried unanimously. (Councillor Howarth took no part in the discussions and abstained from the vote.)

b) The Clerk reported that the PTA of the school had recently discussed the possibility of holding the school's end-of-term summer barbecue on the green this year instead of at the cricket club, the aim being to make it more of a community event. It was planned for this to take place on Friday, July 10th.

c) *From the floor*, it was reported that a car appeared to have left the A590, at the bottom of the hill as it approached Lindal from Dalton, and had damaged some of the saplings planted on the roadside. The Clerk undertook to follow this up.

61/09 Date and Time of Next Meeting.

It was pointed out that elections were planned for Thursday, 4th June and as a consequence, the Buccleuch Hall would be unavailable. It was AGREED that the next meeting would take place on **Thursday, 2nd July 2009** at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal, unless any urgent matters arose necessitating a meeting before then, in which case an alternative venue would be sought..

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