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Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 7th October 2010 at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal .

Present:-

Councillors D Howarth (in the chair); R Lord; Mrs S Glover.

Apologies. Councillor A Waite; Mrs S Kelly.

Also present:- 5 members of the public.

In attendance:- PCSO Louise Perry, Cumbria Constabulary.
(apologies from Borough Councillor Barry Doughty)

106/10 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)

None.

107/10 Disclosure of interests.

None.

108/10 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 2nd September 2010.

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

PROPOSED:- Councillor Lord

SECONDED:- Councillor Mrs Glover. Carried unanimously.

109/10 Matters arising.

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

110/10 Attendance of Officer from Cumbria Constabulary.

PCSO Perry reported that there had been two instances of burglaries at farms or smallholdings in the vicinity, when outbuildings had been broken into and small tools taken.

She also confirmed that she had discussed with the school the problems associated with parking and speeding, the school arranging to write to parents to remind them of their responsibilities. In addition, police officers had recently used a radar speed gun outside the school when two motorists were found to be exceeding the speed limit. Verbal warnings were issued, commensurate with the minor excess of speed involved on each occasion.

The Clerk confirmed that the possible traffic hazard due to overgrown hedges in Pennington Lane had been referred to Capita for attention. (*vide minute 99/10, September 2010*)

111/10 Report of School Governors. Submission of minutes, if any.

The minutes of the Governors' meeting held on Monday, 21st June 2010 were NOTED.

112/10 "No need for nuclear". Consideration of Parliamentary Early Day Motion 557.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Howarth that no action be taken on this matter. Carried unanimously.

113/10 Information Points (ex-BT phone boxes) Assessment of use.

Due to the absence of Councillor Mrs Kelly, it was agreed that detailed discussions about the use of the Information Points be deferred. However, the Clerk confirmed that the information leaflets (*vide minute 98/10 (a) September 2010 et al*) were now being printed. These would be distributed, as planned, via "Aspects" with the balance being made available for the Information Points, the special leaflet holders already having been delivered.

Councillor Lord commented on the increase in the number of books appearing in the kiosks, suggesting that the library concept might be getting more popular.

114/10 Assessment of the Council's routine procedural arrangements.

- a) Standing Orders
- b) Risk Management.
- c) Internal Audit.

Copies of the current policy documents in respect of (a) and (b) above had already been circulated to members and, in addition, Councillor Howarth had discussed with the internal auditor, Mr J Bentley, the systems in place for auditing the Council's financial transactions and practices.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Glover that (a) the Council's policy documents in respect of Standing Orders and Risk Management (as amended) and (b) the arrangements for internal audit, be confirmed as SATISFACTORY. Carried unanimously.

115/10 Joint Rural Committee.

The most recent meeting of the Rural Joint Committee took place at Dalton on Tuesday, 5th October 2010. Councillor Waite was unable to attend due to holiday commitments and no other councillors were available. Councillor Howarth reported that the management of the Buccleuch Hall was hopeful of securing funding from the Committee to enable various improvements to take place.

116 Planning applications relating to the Parish.

- a) *Decision regarding appeals against Barrow Council's refusal to grant planning consent re applications 2009/1126 and 1127.* The Clerk reminded members that the outstanding development at the Lindal Business Park, for additional visitor attractions including garden centre, had been conditional upon a relief road being created to run behind the allotments on London Road, diverting traffic from running in front of the houses on London Road. The applicant had submitted a further planning application to have the need for a relief road cancelled and Barrow Council, earlier this year, had refused permission. The applicant had appealed against the decision and the Planning Inspector recently issued his decision to uphold the appeal. The development can now proceed without any such relief road. NOTED.
- b) *B18/2010/1242. Additional units, Maidenlands cattery, Marton.* It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Howarth that the Council express "no comment" on this application. Carried unanimously.
- c) *B20/2010/1241 Creation of one new dwelling in Ex-New Inn, Marton (instead of two, as already approved.)* It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Howarth that the Council express "no comment" on this application. Carried unanimously.
- d) *B22/2010.1372 Free-standing advertisement board, Ulverston Rd, Dalton. (Melton Brow)* It was noted that this was in respect of a requirement by Dalton Town Council to have an advertisement board placed by the side of the road to Dalton as it left the A590 Dalton by-pass, at the roundabout at Melton Brow, in order to publicise community activities. It was PROPOSED by Councillor Howarth and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Glover that the Council express "no comment" on this application. Carried unanimously.

117/10 Correspondence.

- a) Planning applications relating to the whole of the Borough. NOTED.
- b) Cumbria CC "Local News and Views". Newsletter and DVD. The Clerk commented on the debateable economic viability of this publicity material, bearing in mind the financial difficulties being experienced by local authorities, and it was AGREED that such items be circulated for perusal by members with a view to possible discussion at the next meeting.
- c) Duddon Estuary Partnership. Minutes. Exhibition, 2/10/10. NOTED.
- d) Friends of the Lake District. Guidance material re village greens etc.. NOTED.

118/10 Finance.

- a) Cash balances:- Current account £50 Reserve account:- £2054.83.
- b) The Clerk submitted a request for the petty cash to be reimbursed in the sum of £24.64. He also reported that he had ordered a supply of plastic holders for the footpath walk leaflets, intended for the two information points, (*vide minute 74/10, June 2010*) and that a cheque for £105.28 had been authorised by Councillors Waite and Kelly in this regard. (This amount to be refunded by Cumbria CC.) It was PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs Glover and SECONDED by Councillor Lord that the petty cash cheque and the payment for the leaflet holders be approved. Carried unanimously.

119/10 Any Other Business.

a) Councillor Mrs Glover drew attention to the forthcoming dance in the Buccleuch Hall, in aid of St Peter's Church funds.

b) *From the floor*, residents from Marton asked about the Parish Council's stance regarding the re-submission of a planning application for a chicken farm at Maidenlands Farm, Marton. The Clerk reported that he had received no information regarding any such application and that he would take this up with Barrow Town Council as a matter of urgency.

110/10 Date and Time of Next Meeting.

The date and time of the next meeting was AGREED as Thursday, 4th November, 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.)