Lindal and Marton Parish Council

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Councillors:-

Mr A Waite (462922) Mr R Lord (464034) Mrs S Glover (462383) Mr D Howarth (463304) Mrs S Kelly (465343)

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 8th January 2015, at 7.45 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

Present:- Councillors A Waite; Mrs S Glover; Mrs S Kelly.

Apologies:- Councillors R Lord; D Howarth.

Also present: 1 member of the public was present.

In attendance:-

PCSO S Thomas, Cumbria Constabulary.
(Apologies from district councillors Doughty and Thurlow)

1/15 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)

None.

1/15 Disclosure of interests. Requests for dispensations.

None

2/15 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 4th December, 2014.

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 4th December 2014, were taken as read and APPROVED.

PROPOSED:- Councillor, Mrs Kelly: SECONDED:- Councillor Mrs S Glover.
Carried unanimously.

3/15 Matters arising from those minutes.

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

4/15 Attendance of officer from Cumbria Constabulary.

PCSO Thomas reported that no crimes had been notified in the Parish during December. The references to speeding issues as discussed at the December meeting had been referred to the Traffic Department and it was hoped that further information would be forthcoming at the February meeting.

5/15 Cumbria County Council. Budget consultation.

The proposals from Cumbria County Council as to how it would reduce budgets in 2015/16 to cope with cuts in government funding had been discussed at the December meeting. The matter had been deferred to allow local residents the opportunity to attend the January meeting if they wished to voice an opinion.
The various suggestions being made by CCC regarding how it would cope with the reduction in funding were noted but the lack of any detail as to how this would happen was also noted. It was then PROPOSED by Councillor Waite and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Kelly that Cumbria County Council's difficulties in reducing its expenditure be recognized and that the Parish Council refrain from making any specific observation on the proposals at this time. Carried unanimously.

6/15 Planning applications relating to the Parish.

B27/2014/0834. Conversion of barn to dwelling house, Scale Bank Farm, Marton.
It was PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs Kelly and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Glover that the Parish Council express its support for this application in that it appeared to be a sensible and useful way of utilising a redundant farm building, with the development being within an existing series of buildings which would not add to the overall size of that particular complex. Carried unanimously

7/15 Correspondence.

a) Planning applications relating to the whole of the Borough. NOTED.
b) EM Highways Services. (Highways Agency). Upgrade of lights, pedestrian crossing, A590, Lindal. NOTED.
c) Community Information and Safety. (including product re-calls etc.)
   Bicycle security marking by the Police. (including free swim)
   12/1/15, Ulverston Tennis Centre, 1730-1900
   24/1/15 do 1030-1330
   31/1/15 Booths Store 1030-1330
   (*All such notices are displayed on the Lindal notice board.)*

8/15 Finance.

a) Account balances:- *Current* - £50: *Festivals* - £1000.62: *Reserve* - £2257.26.
b) Councillor Waite provided an invoice for £50 from the residents of Marton in respect of the Christmas Tree erected in Marton park. He had previously requested the Clerk to arrange for cash to settle this amount and it was agreed that it could be added to the Clerk's request for his petty cash (£24.59 - computer inks, etc.) It was then PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs Glover and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Kelly that an amount of £74.59 be approved as payment to the Clerk. Carried unanimously.

Insofar as Christmas Tree lights for the tree in Marton Park were concerned the Clerk undertook to contact Barrow Council with a request that it provides lights for that tree (which is bought by the Parish Council) similar to the lights provided for Lindal's tree.

c) The Clerk referred to the precept (£3,600) for the coming financial year, 2015/16, and submitted correspondence from Barrow's Director of Resources indicating that the Government grant towards this amount would be £158.96. This would mean that the amount of precept to be gathered via the council tax, and payable by local parishioners, would be £3,600 less £158.96 = £3,441.04. NOTED.

9/15 Any Other Business.

None.

10/15 Date and Time of Next Meeting.

The DATE and TIME of the next meeting, was AGREED as **Thursday, 5th February 2015**, at 7.45 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****.)***