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Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 6th November 2014, at 7.45 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

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

Apologies:- Councillor D Howarth.

Also present: 6 members of the public were present.

In attendance:-

PCSO Thomas, Cumbria Constabulary.

Borough Councillor Ann Thurlow. (apologies - County/Borough Councillor B. Doughty)

101/14 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)

None.

102/14 Disclosure of interests. Requests for dispensations.

None

103/14 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 6th October, 2014.

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 6th October 2014, were taken as read and APPROVED.

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

104/14 Matters arising from those minutes.

- a) 92/14 (c) Councillor Lord enquired whether there was anything to report regarding the flooding at Broken Bridge. The Chairman replied that there had been no progress although it was hoped that some remedial work could still be done before winter.

- b) 92/14 (a) Councillor Mrs Kelly asked whether there was anything further to report regarding repainting the Lindal Kiosk. The Clerk confirmed that there was nothing further to add.
- c) 95/14 *From the floor* a local resident asked whether he could comment on the Council's decision regarding the National Grid's proposals, with the Chairman confirming that this was acceptable. The resident explained that he was a qualified electrical engineer and that, in his opinion, the additional £650m cost of routing the proposed new transmission network under Morecambe Bay, via a tunnel, should not be seen in isolation. The alternative, of routing the network around the Bay and following the route of the existing pylons, as recommended by the Council, would have considerable maintenance costs associated with it; in addition, the under-sea route, being much shorter, would experience much less in the way of energy loss. His view was that the tunnel would be more appropriate.

Another local resident also asked to comment, in particular, on the proposed line of the new transmission network through the Parish. As she understood the situation, the new pylons would be much bigger than the existing pylons and would constitute an unwarranted imposition on the countryside. In her opinion, the cables should be routed off-shore from Moorside, on the sea bed, and not be on land at all.

The Chairman thanked the residents for their contributions and it was AGREED that further discussions would be required as and when the National Grid's firm proposals were available.

105/14 Attendance of officer from Cumbria Constabulary.

PCSO Thomas reported that, as far as the Police were aware, there had been no criminal activity in the Parish in October and only one example of anti-social behaviour.

The Clerk referred to the meeting held on Monday, 13th October 2014, in Dalton Town Hall, when he had met the Police, together with representatives from Askam and Dalton Councils to discuss the use of the Speed Indicator Device, SID. It was confirmed that the Police had to follow national guidelines in producing the 85th percentile speed of vehicles passing through the device. (*this means that if, for example, the 85% percentile was 37.5 mph, then 85% of the vehicles passing through the detector had been travelling at 37.5 mph or less.*) No action would be taken by the Police if the 85th percentile was less than the relevant speed limit although maximum speeds would be noted and anything untoward could be followed up.

Councillor Lord expressed his concern at what seemed to be the ignoring of vehicles in the remaining 15% whereby many might be exceeding the speed limit and it was AGREED that the situation would need to be carefully monitored in the future.

106/14 Barrow Borough Local Plan – consultation.

Barrow's proposed Local Development Plan, covering the 15-year period 2016 – 2031, had been discussed at the October meeting and adjourned until the November meeting, to give local residents the opportunity to attend Barrow Council's briefing for such residents, held in the Buccleuch Hall on 21st October. The Plan covered several topics, including transport, the economy, environmental issues, tourism etc but with the current emphasis being on housing needs.

Within Lindal and Marton there was one area of land being suggested as suitable for housing development, this being situated to the east of London Road, Lindal, and outside the residential cordon (within which development could take place). The Parish Council – and anybody else – was invited to comment as to its suitability, as well as being invited to suggest other areas for consideration.

It was noted that there were no residents from London Road in attendance to offer their opinions but, after discussing the various issues associated with such a development, both positive and negative, and in the absence of any alternative sites being suggested, it was PROPOSED by Councillor Waite and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Kelly that the Parish Council recommend to Barrow Council that the residential cordon should remain the same, and that the land in question should not be allocated for housing.

It was then PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Glover that, in the light of there being no local residents in attendance to express any opinion, the Council should refrain from making any particular recommendation, the Council's stance being one of "no comment".

Councillor Waite then withdrew his proposal and Councillor Lord's proposal was carried unanimously.

107/14. Lindal Village Green; wild flower development.

It was confirmed that the perimeter strip around the northern half of Lindal village green had now been sown with wild flower seeds, the expectation being that these would flower in 2015. There was still no comment from Barrow's Street Care department, who were responsible for the village green, on the question of the mowing of the grass. It was NOTED that both Askam and Dalton Councils were experiencing similar difficulties in getting replies from that department in response to telephone calls and emails and it was AGREED that the matter should be kept under review.

108/14 Planning applications relating to the Parish.

There were no planning applications for consideration.

109/14 Planning applications outside the Parish (SLDC)

SL/2014/0904 Lindal Cricket Club: redevelopment of pavilion.

There were no comments *from the floor*, either for or against the application and it was, therefore, PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Kelly that the council express its full support for this application. Carried unanimously.

110/14 Correspondence.

- a) Planning applications relating to the whole of the Borough. NOTED.
- b) Barrow Council Minutes; 22nd July to 7th October 2014. NOTED.
- c) Cumbria County Council. On-street parking: use of parking meters. NOTED.
- d) Community Information and Safety. (including product re-calls etc.)

- 1 How to report lost and found property
- 2 Public consultation re police budget cuts.

(All such notices are displayed on the Lindal notice board.)

111/14 Finance.

- a) Account balances:- *Current* - £50: *Festivals* - £1000.59: *Reserve* - £3235.88.
- b) The Clerk submitted an invoice from the Royal British Legion, in the sum of £34, regarding the wreaths to be used at the forthcoming Remembrance Sunday services. He also confirmed that a request had been received from the Buccleuch Hall Management Committee for financial assistance in respect of the annual Senior Citizens' Christmas Party. (£325 in 2013)

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs Kelly and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Glover that the British Legion invoice be approved and that an amount of £350 be allocated for the Senior Citizens' Party. Carried unanimously.

112/14 Any Other Business.

- a) The Clerk submitted a report from the Cumbria Association of Local Councils (CALC) which included a paper on the desirability of there being a unitary authority created in Cumbria, to take the place of existing councils. It was suggested by CALC that this would be more efficient and lead to considerable cost-savings. It was AGREED to circulate the paper to councillors.
- b) The Chairman reported that he had been able to secure the services of a volunteer to look after the Marton Kiosk. NOTED.
- c) Councillor Mrs Kelly commented on a few "near-misses" at the Lindal crossroads during the current period of road-works. NOTED.

113/14 Date and Time of Next Meeting.

The DATE and TIME of the next meeting, was AGREED as Thursday, 4th December 2014, at 7.45 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

NB The Council meetings will start at 7.45 pm for the foreseeable future during the period that the Hall is being used for other activities up to 7.30 pm.

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