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Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 4th September 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: 2 members of the public were present.

In attendance:-

County/Borough councillor Barry Doughty. (apologies from Councillor Mrs A Thurlow)
Apologies were received from Cumbria Constabulary.

79/14 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)

None.

80/14 Disclosure of interests. Requests for dispensations.

None

81/14 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 7th August, 2014.

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 7th August, were taken as read and APPROVED.

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

82/14 Matters arising from those minutes.

- a) 72/14 (a) Councillor Lord reported that he had completed the re-sealing of the window panes in the Lindal Kiosk and submitted an invoice for materials costing £31.92. The Clerk confirmed that this would be reimbursed out of petty cash.
The Clerk would also seek quotations for re-painting the kiosk.
- b) 72/14 (b) and (d) Councillor Lord asked whether the arrangements for mowing Lindal village green had been clarified and whether there was any information regarding the need to repair/replace the gate to the playground. The Clerk reported that there was still some uncertainty about the mowing regime but that this would be pursued: he was also still waiting for information regarding the gate.
- c) 77/14 (f) Councillor Mrs Kelly asked if there was anything to report regarding the traffic problems relating to the lane to the side of Hempland Cottages. The Clerk confirmed that Cumbria Highways were aware of this matter but could only suggest that the painting of a STOP sign on the road might be possible.
During the ensuing discussion including, *from the floor*, Councillor Doughty, reference was made to the dilatory approach displayed by the Highways department in the implementing of agreed improvements in the Parish. Examples given included the provision of the ONE-WAY and NO ENTRY signs for the same lane, which were now not expected until “the new year” (nearly two years after these had been agreed in principle); the provision of white lines across various drive-ways to prevent inappropriate parking; the clearing away of vegetation which was obscuring traffic directional signs (not in the Parish).
It was AGREED that the Clerk would write to Cumbria Highways (copied to Councillor Doughty) to confirm that the Parish Council would like to see a STOP sign painted on the road (to the side of Hempland Cottages) and also summarising the various other outstanding matters relating to road markings etc.

83/14 Attendance of officer from Cumbria Constabulary.

PCSO Perry was unable to attend but had submitted details regarding incidents in the Parish during August:- 3 incidents of anti-social behaviour; criminal damage to 2 vehicles. The Clerk reported that he would be attending a meeting on Monday, 13th October, at Dalton Town Hall (11 am) in order that the use of SID and the information to be derived from it could be clarified.

84/14 Cumbria Association of Local Councils (CALC)

The Clerk confirmed that the Council was not a member of CALC and that an invitation had been received from that organisation for the Council to join, the full-year fee being £171, with the fee for the balance of this year being a discounted amount of £70. In discussions including, *from the floor*, Councillor Doughty, the Clerk suggested that fundamental changes to the structure of local government, including changes to the audit requirements, were a possibility in the future and that membership of CALC might be beneficial for advice and representation. However, nothing appeared to be imminent and it was, therefore PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Glover that the matter be deferred until the next financial year. Carried unanimously.

84/14 Planning applications relating to the Parish.

B21/2014/0534 Off-road parking (partial), School House, Pit Lane, Lindal.

The Clerk reminded the Council that the applicant had submitted an application for off-road parking some months ago, with the Council unwilling to support it and Barrow's planning department refusing permission, the reasons being that creating a drive-way which opened on to such a narrow road would be too dangerous. This particular application envisaged cutting back part of the applicant's garden so that two vehicles could park, in line, and in line with the road, partly on the highway and partly on the garden.

It was PROPOSED By Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Glover that the Council express "no comment" on this application. Carried unanimously.

85/14 Correspondence.

- a) Planning applications relating to the whole of the Borough. NOTED.
- b) National Grid: plans for new grid in Cumbria. It was NOTED that there would be a meeting in the Coronation Hall on 11th September to brief councillors and it was AGREED that the National Grid be advised that no-one from this Council would be able to attend.

It was NOTED that the meeting in the Buccleuch Hall would be on 24th September, from 2.30 pm to 8.00pm and open for all local residents to attend if they wished.

- c) Community Information and Safety. (including product re-calls etc.)
 - a) Police Custody Visiting Panel. Requirement for further volunteers.
 - b) Police budget consultation. Requirement for feed-back.

NOTED.

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

86/14 Finance.

- a) Account balances:- *Current* - £50: *Festivals* - £1000.49: *Reserve* - £4141.93.
- b) The Clerk submitted a request for the first tranche of his honorarium (£600) to be paid, ie, £300, together with reimbursement of his petty cash ie, £55.38.
- c) The Clerk drew attention to the funding requirements for "Aspects", reminding the Council that there had been no need for a grant in 2013/14, the expectation being that financial support would be required in 2014/15.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Glover that

- the Clerk's part honorarium and petty cash be reimbursed (£300 and £55.38) and
- £400 be authorised towards the funding requirements of "Aspects".

Carried unanimously.

87/14 Any Other Business.

- a) The Clerk reported that a conference on Community Emergency Planning was to be held in Penrith on 9th October 2014. NOTED.
- b) Councillor Mrs Glover submitted the thanks of St Peter's Parochial Church Council in respect of the donation of £250 towards the Flower Festival.

- c) Councillor Mrs Kelly reported that a local resident was concerned about vehicles on the A590 (Ulverston Road and Bank Terrace), being parked astride the pavement, making it difficult for those pushing prams, wheelchairs etc. There were clearly problems for residents needing to park their vehicles in those areas but it was to be hoped that such residents would use discretion so as to ensure that others could use the pavement safely.
- d) Councillor Waite commented on some work which had apparently been done to the drains at Broken Bridge, the grids having been painted: it was unclear what other work had been done to improve the drainage of that area although the gulley-emptier had been in attendance.
- e) *From the floor* Councillor Doughty reported that the County Council's budget for next year, incorporating further reductions, would shortly be issued for consultation. He also advised that the winter gritting programme had been finalised and this would shortly be issued.

78/14 Date and Time of Next Meeting.7

The DATE and TIME of the next meeting, was AGREED as Thursday, 2nd October 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.)