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Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 2nd August 2012, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

Present:- Councillors A Waite; R Lord; D Howarth;

Apologies:- Councillors Mrs S Glover; Mrs S Kelly.

Also present:- 3 members of the public.

In attendance:- PCSO Louise Perry, Cumbria Constabulary.

77/12 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)

The Clerk reported that he had just received notification of a planning application in respect of a wind-turbine at the site of the Candle Factory, Lindal Business Park. The Chairman confirmed that this could be discussed under Item 11 of the Agenda – “Planning applications”.

78/12 Disclosure of interests.

None.

79/12 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 7th June, 2012.

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 7th June 2012, were taken as read and APPROVED

PROPOSED:- Councillor Howarth. SECONDED:- Councillor Lord. Carried unanimously.

80/12 Matters arising from those minutes.

75/12. Councillor Howarth enquired as to the outcome of the meeting in the village between the Clerk and Cumbria County Council’s highways officer regarding parking problems in Lindal. The Clerk reported that the problems relating to the individual resident would be left to the highways department to resolve, so far as it was able.

However, on the evening of the meeting, congestion was limited to the A590 and the vehicles belonging to residents living in that area and, whilst there appeared to be no obvious ways of improving the situation, it was agreed that further consideration would be left until such time as the five new houses on the Anchor site were fully occupied to see if this made matters worse.

81/12 Attendance of Officer from Cumbria Constabulary.

PCSO Perry reported that there had been no instances of crime in the last month other than a suspected break-in at premises on the site of The Old Saw Mills.

Councillor Lord asked whether anything had happened regarding the allegations of speeding in Pennington Lane (*vide minute 69/12, June 2012*) and was told that the matter had been reported to the Traffic Officer and the Highways Department.

He also raised the question of door-to-door salesmen and, in particular, teams of ex-prisoners, apparently from the North East, who had been operating in the locality. He had heard of an instance of aggressive selling to a local resident, verging on intimidation, and wondered whether the police had received any complaints. PCSO Perry indicated that nothing of this nature had been reported but undertook to establish whether anything was known about any current schemes and she would also seek to obtain a copy of any approved form of identification used by those involved in such schemes.

Councillor Waite referred to the subject of mud being left on local roads (*vide minute 68/12 (b) June 2012*) and emphasised that the side-effect of this was the blocking of drains and the consequential flooding following heavy rain. He wondered whether there had been any further developments following the intervention of the police and the Joint Rural Committee and pointed out that his attempts to raise the matter with highways officials had so far been unsuccessful. PCSO PERRY reported that she could add nothing further and it was decided that the Clerk would ask Borough Councillor Barry Doughty if he could raise the matter at his next meeting with the highways department.

82/12. Report of School Governors. Submission of minutes, if any.

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 30th April 2012 were NOTED.

83/12 The Mayor's charity (Ex-Barrow Mayor, Borough Councillor John Murphy) and the provision of defibrillators.

A wide-ranging discussion took place when the following topics were highlighted.

- A further amount of £42.71 had been obtained via the Defibrillator Fund collection jar in Councillor Kelly's hairdressing salon. The total amount transferred to John Murphy's fund was now £573.37. (This included two individual cheques for £100 each.)
- The training on the use of defibrillators took place on 13th and 20th June and 4th July. This had involved a training machine somewhat different to the actual machine which had been provided for the village but an appropriate training machine was on order and further training would eventually be provided for anybody who wanted it.
- The donated machine was being temporarily kept in Councillor Mrs Kelly's hairdressing salon – Kurlys – but a custom-made box had been ordered by Councillor Murphy, the intention being that it would house the defibrillator on the outside of a building such as the Buccleuch Hall. Further details were awaited before a decision could be taken as to where the machine could be sited.
- The question of ownership was discussed and it was noted that the two defibrillators based in Askam were the responsibility of Askam's First Responders team, having been donated by Askam Parish Council, the arrangement being that, should the group fold up, the ownership of the machines would revert to the Parish Council. It was accepted that Lindal's machine was currently the responsibility of the Parish Council but if a First Responders group was established in Lindal and Marton, the matter could be looked at again.

- During discussions regarding the setting up of such a group in Lindal and Marton there was some concern about matters such as the costs involved for any volunteers, with a suggestion that another local team had had to find costs amounting to around £6,000. (*Subsequent to the meeting, it was confirmed by Councillor Murphy that there should be no costs at all in the first instance, any expenditure being entirely down to the ambitions of the team in question, who might wish to purchase uniforms etc.*) It was confirmed that a Mr Chris Hyde, Community Resuscitation Development Officer from the Ambulance Service, was responsible for supervising the setting up of a team and it was AGREED that Mr Hyde, together with Mrs Gaskell from the Askam First Responders, be invited to address the Parish Council at its next meeting in September when the topic could be discussed in detail.
- Reference was made to the use of the Buccleuch Hall for the public meeting and training sessions and it was AGREED that the Council accept responsibility for the standard rental charges for the evenings in question, at the rate of one hour per night @ £8 per hour. (4 nights = £32)

84/12 Localism Act, 2011. Registration of Interests. New Code of Conduct.

The Clerk referred to the requirements of the Localism Act 2011 which introduced revised arrangements for the Registration of Pecuniary and Other Interests, together with a revised Code of Conduct. It was understood that all councillors had completed the relevant forms for the appropriate body, Barrow Borough Council, in respect of the Registration. In addition, the Clerk confirmed that copies of the revised Code had been distributed to all councillors.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Howarth that the revised Code of Conduct be adopted by the Parish Council. Carried unanimously

85/12 South Lakeland District Council. Land Allocation Plan.

The Clerk referred to correspondence from South Lakeland District Council which drew attention to SLDC's Land Allocations Development Plan and in particular, the Plan's references to sites on the outskirts of Lindal (but within SLDC) which had been suggested as potential development sites.

There were two principal sites namely a) the land behind East View and the A590 which used to be railway sidings and had been recommended for housing and/or residential/industrial development and b) land bounded by Pennington Lane, the A590 and the Cricket Club which had been recommended as suitable for housing.

Whilst the sites have been listed in the Plan, having been suggested by others as suitable for development, SLDC has declined to endorse such recommendations and so, at present, the sites cannot be developed.

The Plan has been submitted to the Government for assessment.

86/12 Planning applications relating to South Lakeland District Council (sites adjacent to the Parish.)

SL/2012/0606 One wind-turbine, 61 mtrs to blade tip, field to the east of candle factory, Lindal Business Park.

The Clerk indicated that whilst the proposed wind turbine was to serve the candle-making business (Wax Lyrical) situated on the Lindal Business Park, i.e., within the Parish's area, the site of the turbine was in an adjacent field belonging to the applicant but within the area of SLDC, and Urswick Parish Council. SLDC had invited comments from Lindal and Marton Parish Council because of the proximity of the proposed development to Lindal.

He also reported that the applicant had invited the Parish Council to visit the factory and the proposed site of the turbine to discuss the details relating to the application. However, given that

there were only three members present out of the five, it was AGREED that the invitation be declined

It was emphasised that the application had only been received by the Clerk and that the normal arrangements to publicise it by SLDC had only just begun. Consequently, it was assumed that very few local residents would be aware of the proposal and bearing in mind that turbine was rather more substantial than others, at some 61 mtrs to blade tip, it was AGREED that further consideration of the application be deferred until the September meeting when local residents should be aware of the proposal and could attend the meeting to pass comment if they so wished.

The Clerk also drew attention to the very comprehensive documentation which had been submitted in support of the application and it was AGREED that these would be circulated to members for perusal as soon as possible. It was suggested that it would be useful if the documents could be placed on display for the public, with St Peter's Church being a possible venue. It was hoped that they would be deposited in the Church by Monday, 20th August.

87/12 Correspondence.

- a) Planning applications relating to the whole of the Borough. NOTED.
- b) Barrow Council minutes, 15/5/12 – 10/7/12. NOTED.
- c) Duddon Estuary Partnership. NOTED.
- d) Training courses for parish councillors. NOTED.
- e) Newton village school: proposed nursery provision. NOTED.
- f) Voluntary Action Cumbria. Newsletter. NOTED.
- g) Approval of expansion at Tony Brown Aggregates, Whinfield. NOTED.
- h) Disability Association. Newsletter. NOTED.

88/12 Finance.

- a) Cash balances:- Current account - £50. Reserve account – £3249.63.
- b) The Clerk submitted a request for his petty cash to be reimbursed in the sum of £42.15, the bulk of this being made up of the purchase of gift tokens to those local residents currently looking after the Information Points (ex BT phone boxes.) It was NOTED that the lady responsible for Lindal could no longer continue and consequently, another volunteer was required. (Any interested person should contact the Clerk)
It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Howarth that a cheque for £42.15 be authorised. Carried unanimously.

89/12 Any Other Business.

- a) Councillor Waite introduced a letter from the Chair of Lindal Pre-school play-group with a request that the Council consider making a donation to help with the purchase of equipment for the group. The Clerk was requested to write back to ascertain the specific needs of the group, together with appropriate costs.
- b) Councillor Howarth reported that the Buccleuch Hall had spent £107.78 in celebrating the Queen's Jubilee leaving a balance out of the £200 allocated by the Council, of £92.22. However, a balance of £26.16 had been available from the £200 allocated for the Royal Wedding party, held in 2011, and the total surplus was, therefore, £118.38, to be held in abeyance for future, similar celebrations.
- c) Councillor Howarth confirmed that the hourly rates for the use of the Buccleuch Hall would be revised from £8 per hour to £9 per hour from 1st September 2012.

90/12 Date and Time of Next Meeting.

It was AGREED that the next meeting of the Parish Council would take place at 7.30 pm on Thursday, 6th September 2012 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.)