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Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 1st December 2011 at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

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

Also present:- 1 member of the public.

In attendance:- PC Dave Richards and PCSO Louise Perry, Cumbria Constabulary.

111/11 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)

None.

112/11 Disclosure of interests.

Councillors Howarth and Lord declared an interest in Agenda Item 11 (e) in that they were treasurer for the Buccleuch Hall Management Committee, and a participant in the senior citizens' party, respectively.

112/11 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 6th October 2011.

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 6th October 2011, were taken as read and APPROVED. (The meeting scheduled for Thursday, 3rd November 2011, had been cancelled due to the lack of a quorum.)

PROPOSED:- Councillor Waite. SECONDED:- Councillor Mrs Glover .

Carried unanimously.

113/11 Matters arising.

106/11 Councillor Mrs Glover asked whether there had been any progress regarding the application in respect of the Furness Wind Farm. The Clerk confirmed that there was no further information.

114/11 Attendance of Officer from Cumbria Constabulary.

PCSO Perry confirmed that there had been no reported instances of crime within the Parish during the last two months.

The problem of speeding vehicles through Marton, particularly of tractors, was again discussed (*vide minute 102/11, October 2011*) and PCSO Perry reported that her traffic colleagues were of the opinion that the flashing 20 mph warning signs which were already in place were sufficient and did not need supplementing.

She also confirmed that she had yet to contact local farmers to advise them of the need to ensure that all farm traffic complied with the appropriate speed limits.

Councillor Mrs Kelly reported that she was aware of an incident near to her hair-dressing salon whereby a group of youths were suspected of having strung a length of cord across the road, seemingly with the intention of injuring pedestrians or cyclists in the area. In the absence of any specific information as to the persons concerned, PCSO Perry was only able to note the situation.

115/11. Report of School Governors. Submission of minutes, if any.

There were no minutes for consideration.

116/11 Mayor's Charity, 2011. The provision of defibrillators throughout the Borough.

The Clerk reported that Barrow's mayor, Councillor John Murphy, had decided that the Mayor's charity appeal this year would be in connection with fund-raising for "first responders" together with defibrillators to be used in the community. First responders are volunteers who are trained to attend to people who fall ill or who are injured, whilst awaiting the arrival of an ambulance. However, defibrillators are small portable machines which are used to help restart the hearts of people who might have suffered a heart attack and they can be used by persons who have the minimum of training.

The idea is that such equipment could be placed in strategic places within the Borough, in shops, hotels, or even private houses, so long as they were known to be available and so long as there were sufficient volunteers trained in their use. Councillor Murphy was willing to attend a meeting of the Parish Council when he would be able to expand on his thoughts and it was, therefore, AGREED that he should be invited to attend the meeting scheduled for Thursday, 5th January 2012.

117/11 Barrow Council. Housing requirements and building land availability.

The Clerk submitted correspondence from Barrow Borough Council regarding future housing developments within the Borough. In the first instance, a Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) has been prepared in draft form setting out the Council's estimate of what it sees as the future housing needs of the Borough. However, a Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) has also to be prepared whereby the Council can make an assessment of the amount of land which is, or could be, available within the Borough for such housing needs. It was AGREED that these developments be NOTED.

118/11 Planning applications relating to the Parish.

B21/2011/0643. Rear kitchen extension, Bank House, Railway Terrace, Lindal.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs Kelly and SECONDED by Councillor Lord that the Parish Council's response be "no comment". Carried unanimously.

119/11 Correspondence.

- a) Planning applications relating to the whole of the Borough. NOTED.
- b) Cumbria County Council. Parish Councillors' newsletter. NOTED.
- c) Barrow Council minutes, 19/7/11 to 29/9/11. NOTED.

- d) Barrow Council. Review of polling districts and polling places. The local authority's review had now been completed and there were no suggested changes regarding the polling arrangements for Lindal and Marton. The polling station would remain as the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal. NOTED.
- e) The Queen's Diamond Jubilee, 2012: further information re beacons. NOTED.
- f) Cumbria Rider. A guide to passenger transport. NOTED.
- g) Cumbria Association of Local Councils. Conference re disposal of radioactive waste. NOTED.
- h) Cumbria County Council. Annual report. NOTED.
- i) Cumbria Community Foundation. Annual Review. NOTED.
- j) Concern re effluent from Duerden's abattoir. The Clerk reported that a local resident had written to the Environmental Health department at Barrow Borough Council regarding effluent which had been seen flowing onto the highway from the abattoir, with the matter being passed to the Environment Agency for attention. *From the floor*, the resident concerned reported that there had been further instances involving effluent although the Environment Agency had informed him that they would be visiting the premises some time in December to assess the situation. It was AGREED that the Clerk would pursue the matter with the Agency.

120/11 Finance.

- a) Cash balances:- Current account - £50. Reserve account - £2194.49.
- b) The Clerk reported that he had not been approached by anybody regarding housekeeping arrangements for the two Information Points [*vide minute 108/11 (b) October 2011*]. However, the resident of Marton (Mr P Grace) currently looking after his local kiosk had confirmed his willingness to look after the one in Lindal as well. The Clerk had given Mr Grace two £10 gift tokens relating to the June and September quarters, 2011, [*vide minute 95/11 September 2011*] and subsequent quarters would be rewarded in the same way, for both kiosks.
- c) Reference was made to the Remembrance Day services, held at the War Memorials in Lindal and Marton, and the Clerk confirmed that he had received two wreaths from the British Legion at a cost of £34.
- d) The petty cash requirement was for £34.03.
- e) A request was submitted from the Buccleuch Hall Management Committee for financial assistance in respect of the Senior Citizens' Christmas Party, as in previous years. (£300 in 2010)

The Clerk confirmed that Councillor Howarth, acting as Chairman due to the absence of Councillor Waite, had agreed that because the November meeting had been cancelled, cheques could be authorised in respect of payment for the British Legion wreaths and the petty cash, with such cheques being signed by Councillors Howarth and Lord.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Howarth and SECONDED by Councillor Lord that the payments authorised by Councillor Howarth in respect of items (c) and (d) be APPROVED. Carried unanimously.

It was then PROPOSED by Councillor Waite and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Kelly that a sum of £300 be authorised in respect of item (e). Carried unanimously. (Councillors Howarth and Lord took no part in the discussion)

- f) The Clerk submitted details regarding expenditure incurred by St Peter's Church in respect of maintenance and repairs (*vide minute 108/11 (c) October 2011*) totalling £111.48 and it was PROPOSED by Councillor Howarth and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Kelly that payment of this amount be approved, as part of the £350 previously authorised. Carried unanimously.

121/11 Any Other Business.

- a) Councillor Waite commented on pot-holes in Lindal, particularly in the vicinity of the village green, as reported to him by a resident and it was AGREED that the Clerk would discuss the matter with Cumbria County Council's Highway Steward.
- b) Reference was made to the financial assistance given to residents of Marton last year regarding the provision of a Christmas Tree on Marton Park. It was AGREED that similar consideration would be given this year.
- c) It was pointed out that the white lines on the road at the T-junction in Marton were in need of re-painting and the Clerk undertook to raise the matter with the Highways officials.
- d) The Chairman referred to correspondence from the Buccleuch Hall Management Committee in which the need for additional volunteers to serve on the Committee was emphasised. Councillor Howarth, for the Committee, extended an invitation to anybody with an interest in helping to get in touch with him.

122/11 Date and Time of Next Meeting.

It was AGREED that the next meeting of the Parish Council would take place on Thursday, 5th January 2012, 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.)