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Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 3rd December 2009 at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

Present:- Councillors A Waite (in the chair); R Lord; Mrs S Glover; D Howarth; Mrs S Kelly.

Also present: - 2 members of the public.

In attendance:- PC Karen Park, Cumbria Constabulary.

133/09 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)

None.

134/09 Disclosure of Interests.

None

135/09 Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 2nd November 2009.

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 2nd November 2009 were taken as read and APPROVED.

PROPOSED:- Councillor Howarth.

SECONDED:- Councillor Mrs Glover. Carried unanimously.

136/09 Matters arising.

None

137/09 Attendance of Officer from Cumbria Constabulary.

In response to a question from Councillor Lord, PC Park reported that enquiries were still on-going regarding the burglaries in Lindal and Marton which had been mentioned at the last meeting. She also pointed out that there had been a burglary at the empty premises of the Anchor Hotel and that the culprits had been apprehended.

From the floor a parent-governor from LAMPS school confirmed that, following the visit by PC Harris, efforts were being taken to educate parents into parking responsibly outside the school and, where possible, park elsewhere. The “walking bus” idea had been ruled out as far as the route from Marton was concerned because of the inherent dangers involved but further attempts would be made to create one from Lindal village green up to the school.

A further discussion then ensued regarding the on-going concerns about road-safety generally outside the school with references to the request for a 20 mph speed limit and additional road-markings. The Clerk reminded those present that Capita (Gary Thomas) was meant to be exploring ways of controlling traffic speeds other than by the introduction of a 20 mph speed limit. Nothing had been heard on this matter for some time and it was, therefore, AGREED that Gary Thomas be invited to the January meeting, together with representatives of the school, when the issues could be discussed in detail.

From the floor PC Park was asked about the legal implications of sheep breaking out of fields and creating the potential for road accidents, as well as causing disturbance to local residents. PC Park confirmed that her colleagues were aware of recent instances of sheep causing a nuisance in this way and that local farmers had been approached with a view to controlling the problem.

138/09 Rural Joint Committee.

The Clerk reported that last-minute problems had prevented the attendance of Phil Huck, from Barrow Borough Council, and Angela Knowles, from Cumbria County Council, to talk about the establishment of a Joint Rural Committee. Such committee would be a forum to enable county, district and parish councillors and officials to discuss matters of mutual interest and was connected with a previous approach from Phil Huck over the creation of a Parish Charter. (*vide minute 40/09 April 2009*) It was hoped that the officers concerned would be able to attend a Parish Council meeting in the New Year.

139/09 Report of School Governors. Submission of minutes, if any.

The minutes of the meeting of 28th September 2009 were NOTED.

140/09 Adoption of BT telephone kiosks, Lindal and Marton.

The Clerk confirmed that he had signed an agreement regarding the adoption of the two telephone kiosks, in Lindal and Marton, and that he was awaiting further contact from BT. It was AGREED that the Chairman and Secretary of the Residents Association be specifically asked if they could attend the next meeting of the Parish Council (on the assumption that the kiosks would by then be formally owned by the Council) in order to discuss the future management of the kiosks, including

- Appropriate signage
- The use of the kiosks
- Housekeeping arrangements e.g., cleaning, etc.

141/09 Planning applications relating to the Parish.

None.

142/09 Correspondence.

- a) Planning applications relating to the whole of the Borough. NOTED.
- b) Duddon Estuary Partnership. AGM (12th November) and meeting re proposed nuclear power station, Kirksanton, 15th December 2009. NOTED.
- c) Cumbria County Council. Changes in the provision of social care. NOTED.

143/09 Finance.

- a) Cash balances:- Current account £50 Reserve account:- £2318.36.
- b) Budget proposals, 2010/11. These had previously been forwarded to members for their perusal and it was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Howarth that
 - such proposals be accepted, noting that the only additional routine expenditure would be the electricity charges, of around £100 per year, for the two telephone kiosks which the Council had agreed should be adopted from BT.
 - The precept for 2010/11 remain at £2,000, similar to 2009/10.Carried unanimously.
- c) The Clerk submitted correspondence from Cumbria County Council regarding the recent floods in Cumbria, which asked Parish Councils to give consideration to making a donation to the Flood Relief Fund. He also requested payment of his annual membership fee (£44) in respect of the Society of Local Council Clerks. It was PROPOSED by Councillor Lord and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Glover that a) £100 be donated to the Flood Relief Fund and b) the Clerk's membership fee be paid. Carried unanimously.
- d) Report on Internal Audit arrangements. (*vide minute 127/09, November 09*) . Councillor Howarth reported that he had still not been able to make contact with Mr John Bentley, the internal auditor, although he hoped to have the matter concluded in time for the next meeting. NOTED.

144/09 Any Other Business.

Councillor Mrs Glover asked whether any thought had been given to the suggestion that the Council might arrange for the decoration of one of the Church windows, as part of the Christmas celebrations, in the same way as last year. Councillors Lord and Mrs Kelly indicated their willingness to provide something appropriate.

145/09 Date and Time of Next Meeting.

The date and time of the next meeting was AGREED as Thursday, 7th January 2010, 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.)