

Minutes of the **Annual Meeting of the Parish Council** held in the Lower Market House, Hawkshead on Tuesday 19 May 2015 commencing at 7.30pm.

present

Councillors

Bill Barr (Chairman); Ian Moulton; Johnny Walton; Andrew Brown and David Spedding. Clerk – John Poole.

Members of the public

Mr Paul Flint of 'Windermere Now'; Mrs Kathleen K Coggan; Mr Jeremy Coggan; Mrs Barbara M Brown and Mr David Vaughan.

Apologies

166 Cllr L Larkin (Silver Wedding Anniversary); Cllr C Wood (business commitments).

Minutes

167 The Chairman was authorised to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the last **Annual Meeting** held on 29 May 2014.

Election of Chairman

168 Cllr Barr was duly elected to serve as Chairman for the ensuing year.

Election of Vice-Chairman

169 Cllr Moulton was duly elected to serve as Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

Declaration of Acceptance of Office

170 Unnecessary because the Chairman was unchanged.

Chairman's Report

171 The Chairman gave his report as follows:-

"The Parish Council this year has continued to work on The Hawkshead Squares Project with the Lake District National Park, South Lakeland District Council, National Trust and Cumbria County Council. We are still looking at funding streams for this, so far we have collected £12,000.00 which can be spent on getting someone to raise funds for us.

This year we have worked with South Lakeland District Council, The Go Lakes programme and the Business Forum to facilitate a map of the village on the main car park listing the businesses, a heritage walk for the same place and a heritage leaflet for the village money being applied for by The Parish Council all of these projects should be completed by early June 2015.

The snow plough and gritter have continued to be used this year and we think it is working well for the community.

You will shortly be hearing reports from other councillors with regard to the other organisations we work with in the Parish, namely The Recreation Ground Trust, The Market House Trust, The Grammar School Trust, The Flood Prevention Action Group, and The Broadband Pioneer and Business Forum.

To be able to achieve all the afore-mentioned you need a dedicated set of people. I am delighted to say we have this and would like to take this opportunity of publicly thanking our Clerk John Poole.

Being a councillor requires dedication and can at times be very time-consuming. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow councillors for all their hard work in trying to make this a better community to live in."

Reports from representatives

- 172 *Recreation Ground* – Cllr Barr reported a successful year but a complaint about noise had to be addressed. A recent event held on 18 April 2015, generated business for the village and a donation of £700 for the Recreation Ground but action was needed to reduce noise in future.
- 173 *Market House Trust* – Cllr Barr said that the Trust was continuing its good work. The next project was to create a disabled access.
- 174 *Grammar School Trust* – Cllr Moulton reported that all was well and that takings were up on last year. The next meeting is scheduled for October.
- 175 *Flood Prevention Action Group* – Cllr Moulton reported no floods thanks in the main to our Beck Wardens - Messrs Jim Tarry and Kit Garside.
- 176 *Broadband Pioneer* – Cllr Walton said that an acceptable level of Broadband was available in Hawkshead and that BT had been working to install fibre optic but it was not known when 'superfast broadband' would be available.
- 177 *Business Forum* - Cllr Wood sent the following report:-

"The Business Forum continues to meet three to four times a year with LDNPA, Cumbria County Council, Cumbria Tourism, South Lakeland District Council and representatives of the business community. The main problems that have been highlighted have been the Main Car Park and the adverse impact it has on the village businesses. We gather our information through e-mail and the opportunity for people to contact anyone of the business representatives who go to the meetings – namely Maria Whitehead, Simon Butterworth, Ed Johnson and Charlotte Wood. An Agenda is then put together and circulated to everyone for comment. The Minutes are circulated after each meeting."

Appointment to other bodies

- 178 *Recreation Ground Trust* - Cllrs Barr; Walton; Moulton and Wood were duly elected to serve on the Recreation Ground Trust for the ensuing year.
- 179 *Market House Trust* - Cllr Barr was duly appointed to serve on the Market House Trust for the ensuing year.
- 180 *Grammar School Trust* - Cllr Moulton was duly appointed to serve on the Grammar School Trust for the ensuing year.
- 181 *Flood Prevention Action Group* - Cllrs Wood and Moulton were duly appointed to serve on the Flood Prevention Action Group for the ensuing year.
- 182 *Broadband Pioneer* - Cllr Walton was duly appointed to serve as the Council's Broadband Pioneer for the ensuing year.
- 183 *Business Forum* - Cllr Wood was appointed to serve as representative on the Business Forum for the ensuing year.
- 184 Mrs Barbara M Brown, on behalf of the public, thanked the Council for their work throughout the year.

The meeting ended at 7.42pm and an ordinary meeting of the Council followed immediately.