

Minutes of the **Annual Meeting of the Parish Council** held in the Lower Market House, Hawkshead on Tuesday 17 May 2016 commencing at 7.00pm.

present

Councillors

Bill Barr (Chairman); Ken Fordham; Ian Moulton and Andrew Brown. Clerk – John Poole.

Members of the public

David Williams; Barbara Williams; Barbara M Brown; Meg Falconer; Kathleen K Coggan, Jeremy Coggan and County & District Cllr D Fletcher.

## Apologies

1 Cllr D Spedding (family commitment); Cllr L Larkin (business commitment) and Cllr C Wood (sickness).

## Election of Chairman

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

## Declaration of Acceptance of Office

3 All Councillors present signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office and were each handed a copy of Standing Orders and the Code of Conduct.

## Declarations of Interests

4 Completed Declarations to be returned to the Clerk within 28 days.

## Minutes

5 The Chairman was authorised to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the last **Annual Meeting** held on 19 May 2015.

## Election of Deputy Chairman

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

## Chairman's Report

7 The Chairman gave his report as follows:-

*"The Parish Council has again this year continued to work on The Hawkshead Squares Project with The Lake District National Park, South Lakeland District Council, The National Trust and Cumbria County Council. We have applied for various grants the most recent for £140,000:00 from the Economic Rural Development Fund, unfortunately we were not successful with this application. After much discussion we have been advised to have an Economic Impact Survey done which will form the basis of any funding applications. We have been advised that the cost of this will be approximately £15,000:00 to £20,000:00. We have successfully applied to the various agencies and raised this money. We are currently working with Cumbria County Council on tender documents. We hope to have this Survey complete for October 2016 when we are advised the next funding will be released. As you will be aware this has taken considerable time.*

*The Snow plough and gritter have continued to be used this year and we think it is still working well for the community. The signage, heritage walk and Hawkshead Leaflet were completed in June last year and we were pleased with the results. The Parish Council also paid Ah Ah marketing to distribute the leaflets last year throughout South Lakeland.*

*Considerable work has been carried out to The Police Station Car Park with the hedge being laid. The fence is to be completed but we are awaiting posts that have been ordered.*

*We recently worked with Claife Parish Council to enable a beacon to be lit for the Queen's Birthday on Latterbarrow.*

*You will shortly be hearing reports from other Councillors with regard to the other organisations we work with in The Parish*

*I would like to take this opportunity of publicly thanking our Clerk John Poole. I would also like to thank my fellow councillors for all their hard work and dedication to make this a better community to live in."*

## **Presentation of accounts**

- 8 The Annual Governance Statement. Accounting Statements for 2015/16, together with an explanation and Bank Reconciliation were distributed to everyone.

## **Reports from representatives**

- 9 *Recreation Ground* – Cllr Barr reported that maintenance work had continued throughout the year. There was a thriving junior football team but sadly the senior team had disbanded.
- 10 *Market House Trust* – Cllr Barr said that the Trust had not met for twelve months and had nothing to report.
- 11 *Grammar School Trust* – Cllr Moulton reported that the Clerk, David Shaw, was slowly returning to good health and had been able to resume his duties. During the year, five student grants of £250 each had been made. Although investments were not showing a good return, income from the museum was £400 up on the previous year. Maintenance and improvements to properties was continuing.
- 12 *Flood Prevention Action Group* – No report available although it was noted that a £1000 grant had been received from SLDC for investigating and curing the underground watercourse leading from Spout House.
- 13 *Broadband Pioneer* – No report available.
- 14 *Business Forum* - No report available.

## **Appointment to other bodies**

- 15 *Recreation Ground Trust* - Cllrs Barr; Fordham; Moulton and Wood were duly elected to serve on the Recreation Ground Trust for the ensuing year.
- 16 *Market House Trust* - Cllr Barr was duly appointed to serve on the Market House Trust for the ensuing year.
- 17 *Grammar School Trust* - Cllr Moulton was duly appointed to serve on the Grammar School Trust for the ensuing year.
- 18 *Flood Prevention Action Group* - Cllrs Wood and Fordham were duly appointed to serve on the Flood Prevention Action Group for the ensuing year.
- 19 *Broadband Pioneer* – Cllr Fordham was duly appointed to serve as the Council's Broadband Pioneer for the ensuing year.
- 20 *Business Forum* - Cllr Wood was appointed to serve as representative on the Business Forum for the ensuing year.

## **South Distinctive Area Election**

- 21 One Councillor expressed an interest to serve on the Lake District National Park Authority as Parish Member.

The meeting ended at 7.25 pm and an ordinary meeting of the Council followed immediately.

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