

## **Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at the Library, Kelsick Road, Ambleside on Wednesday 9th May 2018 at 6pm**

PRESENT: Cllrs. L Waterhouse (Chairman), Mrs F.M. Sparrow, P. Thompson, Mrs J Birkett, N. Martin, P Simpson, Mrs A Sowerbutts, K. McCarten, Mrs E Footit, L. Johnson, P. Truelove and 3 members of the public.

IN ATTENDANCE: None

ALSO: Michael Johnson

APOLOGIES: Cllr B. Hewitt and R. Moody

### 1. MINUTES

The minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held at the Library, Kelsick Road, Ambleside on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017 were accepted as a correct record.

### 2. MATTERS ARISING

There were none.

### 3. CHAIRMANS REPORT

Since last year's report Lakes Parish Council has moved into its very smart and bespoke Council chamber and office space. The Council is extremely pleased to have this opportunity to work in partnership with Cumbria County Council. The lease of the upper floor of the building ensures the survival of Ambleside library, an important and vital part of the community.

The Council continue financially in a healthy position and are able to award grants and complete projects that benefit the whole of Lakes Parish.

We have just emerged from a very cold and long winter, the Troutbeck snow plough and gritter ventured as far as Ambleside. The residents of Troutbeck thank Lakes Parish for this vital benefit to the community.

Throughout the year we have all the usual local events, culminating in the now hugely successful Ambleside Christmas lights.

Spring has arrived and the Parish Council is in discussions with SLDC to hopefully improve the appearance of Waterhead in partnership with local hotels but as usual, local bureaucracy moves at a slower pace than Lakes Parish Council!

We are very keen at Lakes Parish to try and tidy and spruce up the whole of the Parish but, of course, Ambleside is at the heart of the Parish, so we hope businesses, residents and community groups will help in our drive to be proud of our area and do their bit!!

Our public toilets still cause us problems from time to time but the installation of CCTV appears to have stopped vandalism in its tracks. We still rely on White Platts to subsidise this facility and hope the summer weather will be kind and help the upkeep of this vital service.

Thanks to the Rollitt family in Grasmere who sometimes go beyond their remit on having to cope with unmentionable problems!

Finally my thanks to Cllr Fiona Sparrow for her support as my Deputy. Cllr Phillip Thompson for his invaluable work in Ambleside and to all the other Councillors who we would remind the Parish that they are all volunteers.

Special thanks to Michael Johnson my right hand man, and our Financial officer Julie Wright.

**Cllr Louise Waterhouse, Chairman of Lakes Parish Council May 2018**

### 4. MATTERS BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE MEETING BY ELECTORS OF THE PARISH

Marj Waddecar, on behalf of the Greenbank and Castlefield Residents Association, expressed her thanks to the Parish Council for their support on various issues throughout the year. She said it is much appreciated. One member of the public asked if the Parish Council were going to do their own consultation exercise on the LDNPA Local Plan. The Council do not have the power to do this as it is completely within the remit of the National Park Authority. The Council will be discussing the Local Plan at its next Meeting with any issues raised being sent direct to LDNPA. The general public can also make their own representations. There were no other statements or matters raised.

Meeting closed at 6.10pm

