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# LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING held on the 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022, at Lakes Parish Council Meeting Room at 18:00.

Minute #	
1	<p><b>Present:</b> Cllrs L Waterhouse (in the chair), B Hewitt, L Johnson, P Thompson, W Clark, G Hodgkinson, N Martin, P Wileman, J Cunningham, C Shepherd, A Astle, S Savasi, J Birkett and P Simpson.</p> <p><b>In Attendance:</b> J Renouf – Reporter, The Clerk and 1 Parishioner.</p>
2	<p><b>Apologies:</b> Cllr P Martyn – Holiday. Cllr A Biggs – Work Commitments.</p>
3	<p><b>Declarations of Interest/Dispensation:</b> None Received.</p>
4	<p><b>To Approve the Minutes:</b> RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021.</p>
5	<p><b>Chairman’s Annual Report:</b></p> <p>This is the first back to normal Parish AGM for 2 years and we have certainly experienced a few ups and downs along the way.</p> <p>LPC has co-opted several Councillors this year due to members retiring from their duties. Welcome to Juliet Cunningham Langdale ward, Andy Biggs Rydal and Loughrigg ward, Sharon Savasi and Andy Astle Grasmere ward.</p> <p>We also welcomed in July our new Clerk and Finance Officer Charlene Iredale, who has proved invaluable in bringing professionalism and financial acumen to the role.</p> <p>LPC is a busy Council with 36 meetings a year these include finance, planning and full Council meetings.</p> <p>No report could not include toilets, we now manage 7 toilets with projected running costs of £93,000 per annum. We took the decision to increase the cost to alleviate local ratepayers from subsidising the day to day maintenance. Many thanks to Healthmatic and The Rollit family for keeping the toilets clean and tidy. Congratulations to Mr &amp; Mrs Lord who won the contract to manage White Platts for the 2022 season, and did an excellent job in getting the site ready within 2</p>

	<p>weeks of opening on the 1st of April. Justin Kydd took over the ground maintenance and his work is already showing benefits.</p> <p>Thanks go to several Councillors who helped out in several ways in helping to ensure White Platts was ready for the April opening. We work alongside all local authorities and organisations LDNPA, NT , the Police and more community-based societies. We award grants to many worthy causes and the Clerk is always available to provide an application form or one is readily available on the website (<a href="http://www.lakesparish.co.uk">www.lakesparish.co.uk</a>).</p> <p>Thanks to Robin Lees our Parish handyman who retired after 16 years and kept Lakes Parish neat and tidy and a welcome to Mark Furniss, who has already, with his many skills, proved an excellent replacement. The political system is about to change and we now shall have one unitary authority to deal with, it has the grand title Westmorland &amp; Furness let's hope it delivers for the local communities!</p> <p>We now have our own website and have to thank Paul Renouf for his invaluable service in managing our website for many years. Also to Jane Renouf for unstinting writing of reports for the local community.</p> <p>All financial information can be viewed on the website including the balance sheet and the annual governance audit report. (<a href="http://www.lakesparish.co.uk">www.lakesparish.co.uk</a>)</p> <p>I would just like to thank all Councillors as I retire from Chairing the Council since 2014 and thank them all for the support over the years.</p> <p><i>Louise Waterhouse</i> May 2022</p>
6	<p><b>Public Comment:</b> A parishioner gave a report on volunteer work that has been performed and raised the issue of a lack of footpath between Clappersgate and Skeltwith Bridge that poses great harm to pedestrians. Lakes Parish Council working in conjunction with National Trust to resolve the issue.</p>
	Meeting Closed: 18:10