

Ennerdale & Kinniside Parish Council

The Annual Parish Meeting 2016

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 11th May 2015
in St. Mary's Community Centre, Ennerdale Bridge.

34.05.16: In Attendance: Cllrs. Wood, Ayling, Johns, Topping, McMullen, Denham-Smith, Outhwaite and Shail.

Also in attendance: Rev. Ian Parker, Muir Lachlan & David Smith (Clerk)

35.05.16: Apologies: None.

36.05.16: Declarations of Interest:

There were no declarations of interest.

37.05.16: Approval of minutes from the 2015 Annual Parish Meeting held on 13th May 2015:

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

Proposed: Cllr. Denham-Smith

Seconded: Cllr. Topping

The Chair duly signed them.

38.05.16: Election of the Chair of the Council:

The Clerk took the Chair of the meeting and asked for nominations for the position of Chair of the Council for the next 12 months.

Cllr. Topping nominated Cllr. Denham-Smith for the position of Chair.

Cllr. McMullen seconded the nomination.

All the councillors present supported this nomination and Cllr. Denham-Smith took the Chair of the meeting.

39.05.16: Election of Vice-Chair of the Council:

Cllr. Denham-Smith in his role as Chair asked for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Council for the next twelve months.

Cllr. Wood nominated Cllr. Outhwaite for the position of Vice-Chair.

Cllr. Johns seconded the nomination.

All councillors present supported this nomination.

40.05.16: Chairman's Report:

Cllr. Wood delivered his annual report, given below.

In May 2015, elections were held for parish councillors. The election was uncontested as only seven nominations were received. During the year, Ric Outhwaite was co-opted enabling the council to have a

full complement of eight parish councillors. More recently, Councillor Topping tendered his resignation. A notice was issued advertising this vacancy and requesting that any parishioner interested in becoming a parish councillor, contact the parish clerk. This vacancy remains open.

The current Council membership is:

David Wood (Chair), Ian Topping (Deputy Chair – resigned), Chris Ayling, Mark Denham-Smith, Bridget Johns, Cath McMullen, Ric Outhwaite and Roger Shail.

David Smith filled the role of the Parish Clerk during this past year. With regret, the council has accepted David Smith's resignation from this post. This vacancy remains open.

During the year, Councillors were actively engaged in and/or were represented on the following community partnership bodies:

1. Cumbria CC West Cumbria Partnership Forum - working on the Sustainable Regional Strategy.
2. The Lake District National Park - contributing to the development of its Local Development Framework (LDF) Core Strategy
3. Cumbria Association of Local Councils (CALC) - ensuring that the best interests and opposition to the siting of a nuclear waste Geological Disposal Facility (GDF) within the Parish, were clearly stated
4. Copeland Borough Council - working together with Borough Councilor Dirom on maintaining and improving local services whilst delivering the objectives set out in the Corporate Improvement Plan.
5. Regen North East Copeland - delivering the Neighbourhood Action Plan for Cleator Moor and the surrounding rural parishes.
6. The Joint Neighbourhood Forums - on matters of common concern such as local transport, policing, highways, grants for needy local activities etc.
7. The Cold Fell Road Action Group - working with representatives of adjoining Parishes, the Police, Cumbria County Council, the Borough Council Highways Engineer and Sellafield Ltd to reduce the impact of high volumes of traffic travelling through villages and using unsuitable local roads.
8. The Local Neighbourhood Watch Committee - working with the Neighbourhood Police Force to help keep parishioners and visitors safe from crime and criminal acts.
9. The Wild Ennerdale Partnership - working with the Partners - the Forestry Commission, National Trust, United Utilities and Natural England - to achieve the shared vision for Ennerdale to become a wilder place for the benefit of people and nature.
10. The 217 Local Bus Service - working with adjacent parishes and Cumbria County Council Public Transport to retain the local 217 Bus service to and from Frizington to Cockermouth.
11. Cumbria County Council's "Connecting Cumbria" initiative to connect West Cumbria the Superfast Broadband service
12. United Utilities Community Consultation Group; newly formed following a public meeting on 27 January, 2016.

With continuing concerns about speeding traffic through the village of Ennerdale Bridge, the speedgun has remained in use. The 'smart' speed indicator device (SID) has been trialled however, the parish council is still waiting on Cumbria County Council Highways installing the supporting posts for the SID. Councillors and parishioners are working together in the preparation of a Community Led Plan. A community 'gather' was held to consult local people over which issues are seen as most relevant. A comprehensive consultation questionnaire was prepared and circulated to all parishioners; the findings are awaited.

Following concerns, both within the community and within the parish council, regarding works being carried out by United Utilities at Bleach Green, a public meeting was called in January. From this meeting with United Utilities, a consultation group was formed. This group will address works at Bleach Green and other matters regarding United Utilities activities within the parish.

I wish to record my thanks to my fellow councilors for their support and for their willingness to assume responsibility for the many portfolios making up the work of the Parish Council. Finally, my thanks go to the Parish Clerk, whose efforts and advice have been invaluable to the smooth running of the Parish Council and to wish him well in his future endeavors.

41.05.16: The End of Year Accounts:

The Clerk presented the End of Year Accounts and talked those present through the figures. Total income during the year was £4,030.91p. Total expenditure was £5,872.37p. Together with the balance brought forward from the previous financial year, £9,948.29p, the balance of the main Parish Council account on March 31st 2016 was £8,106.83p. In the Business Reserve Account there was £224.92p thus giving a total balance of £8,331.75p. The figures had been checked and agreed by Carole Carre, the internal auditor. There were no questions from those present.

The Clerk explained that the large decrease in both income and expenditure over the previous year was due to funds that were raised for the Miles without Stiles project and the Sports Field development project in the previous year.

The End of Year accounts were formally agreed by the councillors present, together with the annual governance statement contained within the external audit form as completed by the Chair and the Clerk.

The meeting ended at 7.25pm.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Chair

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