

Ennerdale & Kinniside Parish Council

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting (AGM) Held on Wednesday 8 May 2019 in St Mary's Church Ennerdale Bridge

Present

Cllrs Denham-Smith (MD-S) – Chairman

Councillors

Ric Outhwaite (RO), (CA), Muir Lachlan (ML), Richard Taylor (RT)

Also in attendance

Susan Denham-Smith –Clerk (SDS), Cllr Arthur Lamb (CCC), Gwynneth Everett (CBC) Steven Morgan (CBC) Rev. Ian Parker (IP),

Minute Number	Item	ACTION
280/05/19	<p style="text-align: center;">Apologies for Absence</p> <p>Resolved – Cllr Johns – reasons - childcare</p>	
281/05/19	<p style="text-align: center;">Declarations of Interest</p> <p style="text-align: center;">All Councillors remain in position following uncontested elections in Copeland</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that councillors had all signed and updated the Declarations of Interest sheet in the Declaration of Interest Folder. 	
282/05/19	<p>Approval of Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9 May 2018</p> <p>Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting of Ennerdale and Kinniside Parish Council held on 9 May 2018 be confirmed as a true record and were signed by the Chairman.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Outhwaite Seconded by Cllr Lachlan</p>	
283/05/19	<p>Election of Chairman</p> <p>The Clerk took the Chair of the meeting and asked for nominations for the position of Chairman of the Council for the next 12 months.</p> <p>Cllr Denham-Smith was Proposed by Cllr Lachlan Seconded by Cllr Outhwaite All Councillors present supported this nomination and it was Resolved that: Cllr Denham-Smith should remain in office as Chairman for the following year.</p>	
284/05/19	<p>Election of Vice-Chairman</p> <p>Cllr Denham-Smith (Chairman) asked for nominations for the position of Vice-Chairman of the Council for the next 12 months.</p> <p>Cllr Outhwaite was Proposed by: Cllr Denham-Smith Seconded: Cllr Taylor. All Councillors present supported this nomination and it was Resolved that: Cllr Outhwaite should remain in office as Vice-</p>	

	Chairman for the following year.	
285/05/19	<p style="text-align: center;">The Chairman's Report</p> <p>Cllr Denham-Smith delivered his annual report given below:</p> <p>It has been a quieter year than a few previously, although the Parish Council continues to pursue the interests of the Parish. Over and above the general council work as Chair I would like to thank the following members for their specific contributions:</p> <p>Councillor Lachlan. Many thanks for untiring work in pursuing the various highways issues. The excellent relationship the parish has with the various highway bodies and their representatives is second to none. In dealing with any corporate or public body relationships are key to pursuing the interests of our community.</p> <p>Councillor Outhwaite. Previous experience as a professional planner has been invaluable in navigating the maze that is the planning system. This has enabled the Parish to maintain a dispassionate and professional approach to planning issues. Issues which may arise range from small extensions all the way through to significant developments. The defibrillator now up and running in the Shepherds Arms is a considerable asset for the village, both for residents and visitors.</p> <p>Councillor Johns. Thanks for general help with the various returns and actions such as data protection and the Newsletter The Community Led Plan, now in effect, acts as a statutory reference point for the views of the local community. It has been referred to on several occasions in the year with various issues of concern.</p> <p>Councillor Taylor. A new member of the Council but thanks must go for the work on the open spaces of the village. The dead tree on the Cold Fell road was a significant hazard that had potential to cause serious injury – now safely dealt with.</p> <p>Clerk – Susan Denham-Smith. Thanks are due for the professional approach and attitude, giving the council members confidence that statutory requirements are both understood fully and are being met. The job of the clerk has become an exceptionally technical role over the years as new requirements are continuously being introduced.</p> <p>The Council was sorry to lose two members over the year – Ian Topping, and Chris Ayling. Their contribution was appreciated and will be missed. The Council therefore has two vacancies for new councillors to come onto the group.</p> <p>In summary – a steady year but significant benefit and improvement to the local community through a few key initiatives.</p> <p>A vote of thanks was given to Cllr Denham-Smith for his work as Chairman</p>	
286/05/19	<p style="text-align: center;">The End of Year Accounts</p> <p>The Clerk presented the End of Year Accounts and talked those present through the figures.</p> <p>Total income during the year was £3,872.44. Total expenditure was £6,040.36. Together with the balance brought forward from the previous financial year, (£7683.53), the balance of the main Parish Council account on March 31st 2019 was £5,551.61p.(with one cheque for £36 unrepresented at year end) In the Business Reserve</p>	

Account there was £225.34p, thus giving a total balance of £5,776.95p. The figures had been checked and agreed by Jenny Brunskill – Chapel Consulting, the Internal Auditor. There were no questions from those present.

The Clerk explained that expenditure had increased this year due to the additional payment to remove a dangerous tree on the Cold Fell Road, the purchase of the defibrillator and salary adjustments to the Clerk, but was in line with our policy to be gradually reducing our reserve.

The end of year accounts had been Audited by Chapel Consultants. The Annual Governance Statement 2017/2019(Section 1 of the Annual Return External Audit Form) the Accounting Statements (Section 2) were presented to the Council for agreement and the Certification of Exemption from a limited assurance review declaring the parish Council's gross income or expenditure did not exceed £25,000, needed to be accepted and the forms signed by the Chairman.

Resolved:

- to accept the End of Year accounts.
- to accept The Annual Governance Statement 2018/2019(Section 1 of the Annual Return External Audit Form)
- to sign the Exemption Certificate from a limited assurance review
- to accept The Accounting Statements 2018/2019 (Section 2 of the Annual return External Audit Form)
- Agree the date for the Exercise of Public Rights to commence on 11 June 2019

and that they all be signed by The Chairman and The Clerk.

The meeting ended at 7.12pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....