

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Holme East Waver Parish Council Held on Thursday 12th May 2016 at 7.00pm in Newton Arlosh Parish Hall.

Present: V.Hodgson (Chairman)

Cllrs: Bell, Logan, Roper, Stockdale and Wallace

Public: J. Graham, W. Bell, E. Hodgson, A. Hodgson, A. Hetherington, A. Long.

Clerk: M.Abbs

1.Welcome from the Chairman, Mr V Hodgson.

2- Apologies for absence. – Mr W Bell, Mrs E Bell and County Cllr Markley

3- Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in May 2015. – **approved and signed.**

4- Chairman's report

Cllr Hodgson gave his report which thanked the clerk for his work and the support of his fellow councillors.

Dog fouling remains a problem in the village and it is likely that the dog warden will visit in the future.

The roads in and around the village remain a concern and several issues have been reported to the authorities during the year.

Street lighting remains a very important issue with Electricity North West deciding to remove street lights on their poles. The possible Allerdale Borough Council response and its implications for the Parish Council and residents was highlighted.

The assistance to local groups through grant awards during the last financial year was highlighted.

The position concerning the playground was outlined and the work highlighted. The Parish Council had complied with all the necessary safety regulations and a delayed Inspection report was expected soon.

5-Financial and activity reports

5.1 Parish Council-report from the clerk

The clerk thanked the Chairman and other councillors for their support during the year.

The clerk gave out copies of a 3 year financial summary to the public and provided some explanation particularly with regard to the Precept. No issues had been raised by the internal or external audits. He stated that he believed the Council to be in a sound financial position, though potentially challenging times lay ahead in the current climate of financial cutbacks and the potential demands of the Playground. A delayed inspection report was expected soon.

He supported the Chairman's view that the council made a substantial contribution to village life. The Council had discharged its responsibilities in other areas of such as planning. Looking forward, his overall view remained one of cautious optimism.

5.2 Newton Arlosh Brownies

Mrs Helen Wallace gave a report highlighting a number of their many activities. The Council was thanked for the grant award. The group had had a busy year with many activities being reported upon. There were currently 5 members and the financial position was sound.

5.3 Newton Arlosh Community Committee

No report was received.

5.4 Newton Arlosh Parish Hall Committee

Mr Bell outlined the financial position of the Hall following the significant expenditure on the Hall during the past year. The Parish Council was thanked for its grant award. Mr Bell was complimented on the condition of the Hall by the Cllrs and others present.

5.5 Newton Arlosh Parochial Church Council

Mr Bell explained the current situation concerning the Church finances and thanked the Council for its grant award which enabled the Churchyard to be kept in good condition.

The Diocese was investigating future worship provision in the area and a consultation for revised 'Mission Communities' was in progress.

Cllr Hodgson thanked all the contributors for their reports and contribution to Parish life.

6-OPEN FORUM

A chance to bring to the Parish Council matters of concern within the Parish.

The following matters were raised:

Mr Long explained to Parishioners and Cllrs the rationale behind his current planning application. Recent revisions to the plans were explained and his discussions with the AONB were reported upon. He hoped for positive support from Parishioners and the Parish Council. Some support was expressed by the members of the public present.

Mr Graham asked about measures that could be taken with regard to the dog fouling problem. Cllr Hodgson explained the role of the Allerdale BC Dog Warden and confirmed that visits had been requested. The clerk pointed out that the Parish Council had no powers in this area.

Mr Graham asked about the possibility of a defibrillator being installed in the village. Cllr Hodgson outlined the planning position and stressed that no proposal had been submitted to the Council. There was a general discussion of possible locations. The Council would investigate the matter further.

Mr Graham asked about the situation concerning the Community Committee but Cllr Hodgson advised that there was no certain information to pass on.

The Chairman thanked all present for their attendance at the meeting.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.45p.m.