

## **ST BEES PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 21 May 2018 at 6.30pm in St Bees Village Hall**

**PRESENT:** Cllr D Sim (in the Chair), P Argyle, N Bettinson, G Gilmour, J Haile, T Kelly, J Lockie, J Mellor, W Mellor, D Millington, H Monaghan, A Oldham and the Clerk

#### **2018/1 CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that the monthly meeting of the parish council would take place immediately after the annual parish meeting and members of the public were invited to stay for that meeting if they wished.

#### **2018/2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Apologies for absence were received from Gus Kennedy, Chris Robson and Maxine Riley and also from Cllr C Whiteside, County Councillor for Egremont North/St Bees.

#### **2018/3 MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on 15 May 2017 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

#### **2018/4 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There were no matters outstanding from last year's Annual Parish Meeting.

#### **2018/5 CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT**

The Chairman gave a brief report on Parish Council activities for 2017/18. The full report and summary of the accounts would be published in the parish magazine and would also be available on the web-site.

The Chairman explained that this had again been a year of uncertainties and developments on major issues affecting the parish:-

- West Cumbria Mining had submitted an application for planning consent but this was still under consideration by Cumbria County Council.
- Nu-Gen's plans for a new nuclear power station were on hold and there were a number of hurdles (financial and technical) to be crossed before any firm proposals came forward.
- St Bees School was on track to reopen in September.
- The Parish Council remained committed to the project to create a cycle track between St Bees and Whitehaven. The route options had been re-examined a route up the north west side of the valley was now the preferred option. This would be affected by West Cumbria Mining's plans for new sidings and it was hoped that this work might facilitate the construction of the cycle track. There was unlikely to be any further progress until the outcome of WCM's planning application was known.
- The speed and volume of traffic through the village continued to be a cause of serious concern. The Speedwatch Group of volunteers continued to monitor traffic speeds and made regular reports to the police of those vehicles found to be exceeding the speed limit. Sellafeld commuter traffic continued to have a significant impact. The Parish Council now had a seat on the West Cumbria Site Stakeholders Group and took part in the regular parish liaison forums, offering advice and reporting the impact of Sellafeld operations on neighbouring villages. Sellafeld Ltd were now introducing measures to restrict the number of vehicles travelling to the site by encouraging the use of park & ride and rail services. The Parish Council would continue to monitor the impact in the coming year.
- A new rail timetable had been introduced on 20 May which would increase the number of trains and re-introduce a Sunday service.

- Cumbria County Council had completed the new pedestrian bridge at Sea Mill, replacing the old bridge which was very susceptible to storm damage. The public right of way was being diverted to align with the new bridge.
- During the year the Parish Council had purchased two public access defibrillators for the village. One had been installed on the wall of the beach toilet block and it was planned to install the other on Main Street where it would be accessible by residents at the top of the village.

The Chairman thanked Parish Councillors and those members of the local community who had helped with various projects such as Village in Bloom, tree planting and play area inspections. There were always opportunities for local residents to help the Parish Council with its various projects and anyone interested should contact the Clerk.

**2018/6 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING MOTIONS**

No motions had been received.

**2018/7 FORUM ON PARISH COUNCIL ACTIVITIES**

As no issues were raised for discussion, the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

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