

## ASKRIGG AND LOW ABBOTTSIDE PARISH COUNCIL

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND PARISH ASSEMBLY

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Askrigg

#### Parish Assembly Meeting

Members of the public were invited to ask any questions to the Parish Council. One person suggested raising the profile of the Parish Meetings to generate more interest in members of the public in attending meetings. The Clerk explained a Parish Council website is to be developed and should be up and running in September.

#### Annual General Meeting

**Present:** Cllrs. A Kirkbride (Chair), B Fawcett (vice-chair), G Kirkbride, D Madley, M Alderson, J Hodgson, Mrs K Lynch (Clerk)

1.	Apologies for Absence -Cllr Y Peacock,
2.	The Minutes from the previous AGM and Parish Assembly held on 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2015 were agreed as a true record.
3.	Statement of Accounts – Governance Statement The Annual Governance Statement was approved and signed.
4.	Statement of Accounts - Accounting Statements The Accounting Statements were approved and signed. The internal audit of all the accounts were carried out by Mr Alan Tate.
5.	Chairman's Review 199 lived in properties across the Parish 33 holiday cottages 28 second homes 9 empty properties Up to 130 visitors in the Property Bond 40 Low Mill 4 B&B 1 hotel 2 public houses 1 shop 1 deli 2 garages 1 financial service 10 farms Surestart centre

	<p>Yorebridge Centre  Builders, haulage and electrician  Brewery  Seamstress  Post office  1 empty shop  Coal yard  Vets</p>
6.	<p>Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Low Abbotside – Superfast broadband is still not available. A prospective tenant had come forward for the land at Low Abbotside. It was agreed he could rent the land for £5.00 per year.</li> <li>• Almshouses – both properties are now occupied. The bathroom in one property has been upgrade to give disabled access. The Trust is running at a profit.</li> <li>• Cemetery - The Cemetery administration is now manged through the Parish Council. The cemetery committee will still meet annually.</li> <li>• Low Mill – There have been changes to instructors. A new mini bus with disabled access has been purchased. Visitor numbers are still down.</li> <li>• Village Hall – There has been a change of Chair and Treasurer. Repairs have been carried out on the roof.</li> </ul> <p>Parish Council representatives on the committees are:  Cemetery – Cllrs. M Alderson, B Fawcett, A Kirkbride  Low Mill – Cllr G Kirkbride  Village Hall – Cllr. J Hodson  Almshouses – Cllr. B Fawcett</p>
7.	<p>Election of committee representative  Cllr. B Fawcett proposed Cllr A Kirkbride as Chairman this was seconded by Cllr. J Hodgson  Cllr. M Alderson proposed Cllr B Fawcett as Vice Chair this was seconded by Cllr Madley.</p>
8.	<p>Questions or issues from members of the public - none</p>

