

ASKRIGG AND LOW ABBOTSDIE PARISH COUNCIL
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AND PARISH ASSEMBLY

Thursday 17th May 2018 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall

Parish Assembly Meeting

The opening of the meeting was to reflect on the death and sad loss of former Parish Councillor, Dr Peter Annison.

Members of the Public were invited to ask any questions to the Parish Council.

Annual Parish Meeting

1. Apologies for absence – Cllr M Alderson, Cllr D Madely
2. The Minutes from the previous Annual Parish Meeting and Parish Assembly held on the 17th May 2017 were agreed as a true record with the amendment to the date from 2016 to 2017.
3. Chairman's review

Cllr Fawcett addressed the meeting by saying he thought the Village continued to 'tick over'. In the last year the Property Bond has appointed new management for the running of the Kings Arms. The Askrigg Foundation building is currently being considered as development for community housing plus two retail units. The old Carrs Billington site is ongoing.

4. Annual Governance Statement 2017/18

The content of the Governance Statement was approved by the Parish Council and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

5. Accounting Statements 2017/18

The Clerk presented the Accounting Statements internally audited by Carter James Associates Ltd, explaining this year only a Certificate of Exemption and a contact form was required by the external auditor. It was agreed everything was accounted for and that the accounts could be signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

6. Reports

- Low Abbotside

Cllr Madley was not in attendance for this part of the meeting so a report was not presented.

- Almshouses

Cllr Fawcett reported 2 South View had been rewired and a new tenant had been found.

- Cemetery

A clean up of the cemetery had taken place

- Low Mill

Cllr Madley was not in attendance for the part of the meeting as there was also a finance meeting at Low Mill for which he is treasurer.

- Village Hall

Cllr Hodgson and Martin Garside informed the meeting that bookings were up on last year and that the playground had contributed to this increase. The toilet was not open and a cleaner had been appointed. They also said they had received two donations for £1,000 from a recent slide show and £500 from a burial donation. The Parish Council agreed a £500 donation and a cheque was written and given to Martin Garside, Treasurer. There are a shortage of Committee members should anyone wish to join.

7. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

It was proposed and seconded that Cllr Fawcett would remain the Chairman with Cllr Hodgson proposed and seconded as Vice Chairman both for a second term of office.

8. Election of Committee Members

Cemetery – Cllrs M Alderson, B Fawcett and A Kirkbride
Low Mill – Cllrs G Kirkbride and D Madley
Village Hall – Cllrs J Hodgson and G Kirkbride
Almshouses – Cllr B Fawcett

9. Questions or issues from members of the public

None raised.