

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Strickland Ketel and Strickland Roger held at St Oswald's Church, Burneside, on Tuesday 3rd May 2022 at 7pm.

The Chairman of the Parish Council (Councillor William Huck) was in the Chair and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

14 people were present in all, including the seven Parish Councillors, County Councillor Stan Collins, District Councillor Pat Bell and Parish Clerk Kevin Price.

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 4th May 2021, having been circulated were signed as a true and correct record. There were no matters arising.

Chairman's Report:

Councillor William Huck gave a comprehensive verbal report. This is now on the website.

County and District Councillor's Reports:

Councillor Collins reported as follows:

- a. Local Government Reorganisation - the new Authority, Westmorland and Furness will come into being on 1st April 2023.
- b. CCC faced some severe challenges during Covid-19.
- c. Social Care provision is severely stretched at present and difficult to maintain.
- d. Highway repairs have improved with the introduction of the jet patcher, which is very effective in rural areas.
- e. Work on drains continues - residents are asked to notify Councillor Collins of any problems.
- f. Storm Arwen in November proved to be a major challenge in this area, particularly Hollins Lane for example.
- g. New Highways Reporting system is live and should be used,; it allows for the tracking of problems etc.
- h. United Utilities issues continue in the local area e.g. inadequate sewage systems.
- i. The CCC Pension Fund is now fully funded.

Councillor Bell reported as follows:

- a. SLDC planning department is six months behind with the volume of work at present. This includes a number of agricultural applications, which is a worry.
- b. She is at present in purdah and unable to say much more.

Reports from groups and organisation operating within the parish:

Liz Bingham and June Hill reported as follows:

- a. The Church hosts the Post Office for three days each week and also provides toilet facilities for anyone wishing to use them. The Parish Council contributes annually towards their maintenance.

- b. Soup lunches are held on a monthly basis and there is an annual plant sale.
- c. The Community Fridge is housed in the Church corridor.
- d. Covid-19 has made things quite different for a while.
- e. The boiler, which heats the main body of the Church needs replacing and this will be very costly. There will need to be fund raising for this.
- f. The mower has just broken down, 'No Mow May' is to be followed in the Churchyard.

Open Forum:

There is to be a meeting at the Church on Friday 6th May at 10am regarding the Churchyard.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.

Signed:

Dated: