

## **Item 12 - The Parish Assembly**

### **Legal Responsibility**

The Assembly is held each year to comply with the Local Government Act 1972 and must take place between 1 March and 1 June (both inclusive) in each year. The meeting cannot start before 6pm. The Annual Parish Meeting is not the Parish Council's AGM.

All parish electors are entitled to attend the Parish Meeting and vote. The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 provides for the general public and the press to attend.

### **The last Parish Assembly held in Arnside was in 2019**

The last Arnside Parish Assembly was held on Thursday 9 May 2019 at 7 pm. It was held in the WI Hall with local residents invited to attend. Refreshments were provided at Council cost from 6.45 pm.

### **2019 Format**

The 2019 Parish Assembly took the following format:

There were two speakers from a public body. The future of Arnside fire station and pilot by the Chief Fire Officer and a member of Cumbria County Council. This was followed by a question and answer session.

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 19 April 2018 were approved and followed by:

1. the Annual Report of the Parish Council by the Chair
2. A Statement on the Parish Council Accounts for Year ending 31 March 2019
3. Reports by County Council and District Council Reports as well as a Police Report.

Finally, speakers from local organisations gave a short presentation:

1. WI
2. Wellbeing group
3. Fireworks Group
4. Youth Project Group

And at the end of the meeting, members of the public were invited to raise any matters of interest.

### **For Discussion in preparation for next Parish Assembly**

Councillors are asked to:

1. decide when they would like to hold the Parish Assembly in 2022 (between March and end May 2022),
2. to start thinking about which local organisations could be invited to speak at the Assembly and why.