

Arnside Parish Assembly 24 April 2014

- 11721. Minutes:** of the Annual Parish meeting (known as the Parish Assembly) for the Civil Parish of Arnside held in the Cemetery Chapel, Silverdale Road, Arnside on Thursday 24th April 2014.
- 11722. Present:** Chair Cllr Elaine Wood (EW), Arnside Parish Council members Cllr Geoff Dracup (GD) Cllr Michel Hartley (MH), Cllr Christine Kelly (CK) Cllr Peter Smillie (PS) Cllr George Taylor (GT), Cllr Mick Wood (MW), Arnside Parish Council Deputy Clerk Anne- Marie Cade, Guest Speakers John Barwise of South Lakeland District Council (SLDC) , Dick Base of Cumbria County Council and approximately 7 members of the public.
- 11723. Welcome and Introduction:** The Chair thanked all for attending and introduced the speakers.
- 11724. Minutes of the Previous Annual Parish Meeting:** The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 25th April 2013 were circulated, approved and signed by the Chair.
- 11725. Policing Report:** The Chair read out a written report submitted by PCSO Martin Boak summarising crime and incidents reported to Cumbria Constabulary in Arnside in the Last 12 months. Crime levels have fallen in the South Lakes area and Arnside with 26 crimes recorded in Arnside in the last 12 months. Local communities are asked to continue supporting the Police by reporting any suspicious behaviour or vehicles by ringing 101.
- 11726. Parking:** Dick Base of Cumbria County Council outlined the arrangements for Parking Enforcement in the South Lakes area including Arnside and responded to questions from the public and Councillors. This included the differing responsibilities of Police, SLDC and Parking Enforcement Officers, priority areas such as schools and regulations for coaches and disabled badge holders.
- 11727. Dog Control:** John Barwise a Neighbourhood Enforcement Officer from SLDC outlined the Dog Control Orders in effect in South Lakes since 2013 and responded to questions from the public and councillors. This included actions that can be taken against those who do not keep their dogs under proper control, and an offer to attend an event in Arnside and to work with the school to raise awareness. The department is also responsible for litter and fly tipping enforcement.
- 11728. Annual Report of the Parish Council:** The Chair of Arnside Parish presented a report which covered the following: a) thanks to all that have assisted the Council this year including current and previous staff and contractors, volunteers the Parish, District and County Councillors and Cumbria Association of Local Councils, b) there is a new Parish Council web site, c) an internal auditor has been appointed and actions have been taken to address issues raised in the external audit by the BDO of the Council accounts for 2012 – 13, d) the playground wall has been temporarily made safe whilst arrangements are made for repairs e) The contract for cleaning of the toilets has been renegotiated and maintenance issues resolved to save on expenditure and maximise income f) the council was informed in December that the provision of a car park was approved in principle by the responsible SLDC

Councillor, g) legal discussions are ongoing concerning the movement of the Library to the EI updates will be brought to Council meetings when available h) The benches on the pier have been moved following safety concerns and planters placed there to improve the environment i) the youth hostel is now providing accommodation and the Fighting Cocks has new rooms j) events coming up in Arnside include the Fun Day on the 13th July and the Vintage day on the 21st June.

11729. Statement on the Parish Council Accounts: The Deputy Clerk to the Council presented a statement on the Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2014. They informed the public that the full authorised accounts would be available to view from the 9th June

11730. Matters raised by the public: Members of the public made comments or raised questions regarding the following: a) the arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting including advanced publicity and the circulation of minutes, b) Maintenance in the playground, the report of a broken piece of equipment and the need for repairs to the wall, c) inspection of the foreshore and safety concerns over dangerous sands next to the foreshore car park, d) Highways concerns including water emerging from pipework at the bottom of Orchard Rd, vegetation on Redhills Rd and the use of speed regulators, e) the street lights are still not operational at the bottom of the village, f) low levels of participation have been experienced in other community groups and the Village Society has been closed as a result, g) the identities of the new Parish Contractor were clarified as Peter Humpage and the external advisor to the Parish Council as Robert Cass with the arrangements to appointment of a new Parish Clerk to be considered at the Council meeting in June

11731. Close. There being no further questions the meeting closed at 8:55 pm