

Arnside Parish Assembly 23 April 2015

Minutes: of the Annual Parish meeting (known as the Parish Assembly) for the Civil Parish of Arnside held in the WI Hall Orchard Rd, Arnside at 7pm on Thursday 23rd April 2015.

Present: Chair, Cllr George Taylor, Arnside Parish Council Clerk, Anne- Marie Cade, 39 members of the public including members of the Council, the Cemetery Custodian, David Brockbank and guest speakers from several local organisations.

11732. Welcome and Introduction: The Chair thanked all for attending and introduced the speakers.

11733. Minutes of the Previous Annual Parish Meeting: The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in the Cemetery Chapel, Silverdale Road, Arnside on Thursday 24th April 2014 were circulated, approved and signed by the Chair.

11734. Annual Report of the Parish Council: Cllr George Taylor, The Chair of Arnside Parish Council presented a summary of council activity and achievements over the last year which covered the following: a) changes in Council membership and a request for further members of the public to apply to join the Council, b) the playground wall has repaired with further repairs planned c) A water leak to pipes providing water to the sports clubs has been fixed d) the workshop on the playing field has been let, e) a defibrillator has been placed on the playing field with money raised by the football club including a donation from the Parish Council f) a number of issues have been addressed in the Cemetery, a memorial has been raised and dedicated to unnamed children buried there and a number of further improvements are being planned g) the Council has worked to build relationships and re-open dialogue with local organisations including the APPT h) thanks are given to all volunteers that have helped the Parish Council over the last year including Edgar Shepherd, David Mervin, John Cross

11735. Statement on the Parish Council Accounts: The Clerk to the Council presented a statement on the Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2015. They informed the public that the full authorised accounts would be available to view from the 15th June.

11736. Arnside Cemetery Annual Report:- The Cemetery Custodian, David Brockbank presented a short report outlining the current work being planned at the Cemetery including the following points a) a strategic plan is being developed to ensure that there are sufficient places available for burials for the next 20 years b) work has already been carried out removing tree stumps to release spaces c) the custodian has received training from the national Institute for Management of Cemeteries and Crematoria (ICMM) and is in regular contact with the South Lakeland Bereavement Services Officer to ensure that Arnside Cemetery meets all its legal obligations, d) redecorating has been carried out at the Cemetery Chapel with the aim of increasing its use for cemetery services and other events e) the Chapel was open for people to view the Roll of Honour on remembrance Sunday and was attended by over 100 people e) donations of both time and materials were given by local people and businesses for the erection and dedication event of the Childrens

memorial. Money was raised at the event for Derian house childrens Hospice f) thanks were given to all those who have helped the custodian in managing and developing the Cemetery over the last year,

11737. Policing Report: No policing report had been received

11738. Speakers from local organisations: - brief reports were given by representatives of local organisations as follows;

- a. **Pat Clifford, Arnside First Responders** – history of the group, number of responders, the number of calls responded to , the location of local defibrillators
- b. **Tony Riden, the AONB Countryside Officer** - the AONB office location at the Station, background to the partnership and its purpose and activities, achievements over the last year
- c. **Ann Kitchen, Barnes Charitable Trust** – The history and purpose of the Barnes Trust to manage the grounds of Ashmeadow House, including a meadow and woodland, the provision of allotments and small grants available for education and environmental projects
- d. **Pete McSweeney, Chairman, Arnside Parish Plan Trust** – the history of the APPT set up as a limited company implement the Parish Plan and to raise money for playground equipment and other projects
- e. **Geoff Kirkham, Arnside Football Club** – the history of the club dating back to 1947, membership, funding, achievements including the defibrillator opened by the local MP
- f. **Mrs. Irene Bashforth, Chair Arnside Horticultural Society** – history of the group dating back to 1934, 2 flower shows a year and a series of talks, maintain the planters on the pier, work with children and schools, website
- g. **Colin Peacock, Chairman of the Landscape Trust** – the background to the group as the charitable arm of the AONB, history of the group established in 1972, membership, works include Keer to Kent publication, managing 3 nature reserves
- h. **Wilfred Gill – Arnside Allotment Tenants Association** – the location and activities at the allotments, the history of the tenants association, achievements over the last year including volunteers day repairing the stone wall with the National Trust, the provision of manure, aims to improve wildlife with a bee friendly area, thanks to the Council for their ongoing support
- i. **Arnside Youth Project – Ellie Mycock** - the aims, history and membership of the group the activities of the young people involved including organising and attending local events and fundraising, the AONB art project, summer camps

11739. Matters raised by the public: no matters were raised

11740. Presentation of the Arnside Young Citizen Award by the Chair:- Cllr George Taylor presented Ellie Mycock with a plaque and a gift voucher in recognition of the work she has carried out in the Parish

11741. Close. There being no further questions the meeting closed at 8:40 pm