

Arnside Parish Assembly 19th April 2018

Minutes: of the Annual Parish Assembly for the Civil Parish of Arnside held in the WI Hall Orchard Rd, Arnside at 7pm on Thursday 19th April 2018.

Present: Chair, Cllr George Taylor, Arnside Parish Council Clerk, Anne- Marie Cade, 21 members of the public including Parish Councillors, P. Clifford, P. Smillie, H.Chaffey, C. Christensen, District Councillor P. McSweeney and guest speakers from several local organisations.

- 1. Welcome and Introduction:** The Chair thanked all for attending and introduced the speakers.
- 2. Minutes of the Previous Annual Parish Meeting:** The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in the WI Hall, Orchard Road, Arnside on Thursday 20th April 2017 were circulated, approved and signed by the Chair.
- 3. 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 Cemetery 10 year plan in place for Cemetery works, now in the third year, gates have been revamped, entrance tarmaced, chapel exterior painted, and hand rail added, windows currently being replaced, the wall at the bottom of the cemetery partially rebuilt, wild flowers moved to the natural burial area, shed repaired and relocated. Tree felling necessary as trees planted in 1902 and now coming to the end of their natural life span. Many thanks given to Brenda and David Brockbank for their her continued hard work and voluntary hours at the Cemetery arranging these improvements as well as managing the normal cemetery paperwork *c)* Council Activities including 'you are here' information maps purchased with the assistance of the AONB, repainting of one third of the public benches with another third to follow this year, playground wall almost completely rebuilt, the toilets have new hand washer/ driers, and the SLDC grant has been agreed for 5 years, promenade railings to be repainted and aiming to renew pier railings *d)* Car parking has been on the agenda since 1935, work is ongoing with SLDC to investigate improvements to the foreshore carpark (A member of the public raised concerns that residents only will be allowed to park on the promenade. Cllr Mc Sweeney reiterated that SLDC and Cumbria County Council will have to consult on parking and produce a parking plan for the village first) *e)* thanks also given to all volunteers that have helped the Parish Council over the last year including those providing the refreshments this evening.
- 4. Statement on the Parish Council Accounts:** The Clerk to the Council presented a provisional statement by the RFO on the Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2018. The full accounts will be published on the web site and available for public viewing later in the year.
- 5. Policing Report:** No report was provided PCO Martin Boak is no longer responsible for producing these reports. Reports are still produced for monthly meetings by PCSO Mark Leigh.
- 6. Speakers from local organisations:** - brief reports were given by representatives of local organisations as follows;
 - **Arnside Broadsheet** – Ann Guy, Secretary outlined the different publications produced and distributed by over 40 volunteers in the village to inform people of services and events going on in the village. This service is free to all village clubs who are urged to send in all dates, and acts to help prevent people from becoming isolated. Money for publication is raised through donations. The publications are, The Arnside Broadsheet, published and distributed to every household every

month and available online, the annual directory and a website which is regularly updated and can be viewed at www.arnsidevillage.co.uk. New volunteers welcomed. District Cllr Mc Sweeney suggested that welcome packs be produced for all new residents to the village

- **Arnside Fair Trade Group** – Rachel Dutfield, Chair outlined the origins of the group and links to the Methodist church, fundraising activities, outlined the principles of fair trade and activities undertaken including arranging for visits from farmers in Malawi and assisting the school in becoming a fair trade school. The village is listed on the “Fair Trade Way” between Garstang and Keswick. Volunteers for fundraising events welcomed
 - **Arnside Sailing Club** – Alasdair Simpson, Sailing Secretary spoke about the history of sailing and boatbuilding in Arnside with the current club being started 60 years ago. The clubhouse on the promenade is the venue for social events and the club provides sailing courses for adults and children here or near Sedburgh. The group has successfully bid with the heritage group for funding to provide public information on an historic yacht built in Arnside in 1912 to be moored here.
 - **Arnside Archive Group** – Vivien Maunter, Treasurer outlined the membership and activities of the club. Currently at 27 members the group started 8 years ago with photographs and information from Dennis Bradbury being given to the E.I. The club's main purpose is to archive, catalogue and carry out research for which it has obtained heritage funding. It works in partnership with other groups such as the Morecambe Bay Partnership to exchange information and provide public information including an exhibition on boat building to be held at the E.I. on the 14-15 July.
 - **Arnside Cricket Club** – Andrew Bargh, Chairman described the club as a strong club being in its 125th year and with activities for players of different ages. This includes “All Stars” for 5-8 year olds held on a Friday evenings with social events often taking place. Older children also have opportunities to play and there are 3 adult teams. The club has a facebook page and fundraising takes place with events such as car boot sales and quiz nights to which anyone is welcome. The club is currently looking for volunteers, in particular an umpire. The club just missed winning the division last year and is looking forward to this year.
 - Representatives from **the National Trust and the AONB** were unable to attend and tendered their apologies
- 7. Arnside Public Space Protection Orders on the Memorial Playing Field and the Cemetery.** The Chairman outlined the Council's reasons for applying for the PSPOs to ban dogs from the playing field and ensure they are kept on leads in the Cemetery before opening the discussion to the public. He explained that this was to ensure that the correct legislation is in place to support long standing Council rules. Driven in part by recent complaints, and health concerns the Council also considers the needs of dog owners but feels that there are many other areas in the village where dogs can be exercised. The Council has provided questionnaires to gauge public opinion. Public opinions raised were in favour with health problems raised as a concern, questions were asked about enforcement, the process and other areas including the Knott, foreshore signage and provision of bins for waste
- 8. Matters raised by the public:**
- The wellbeing group and volunteers trying to set up a community transport scheme
 - The playing field and playground maintenance
 - The noticeboard on the playing field
- 9. Close.** There being no further questions the meeting closed at 8:20 pm following thanks from the Chairman to the volunteers who provided the refreshments