

# **Buttermere Parish Council**

Minutes of the **Annual Parish Meeting** held on 19th May 2015

in The Old School , Buttermere.

**Present:** Cllrs. R. Beard (Chairman), M. Richardson, G. Evans, Y. Kahane,  
A. Beard, & L. Kyle.

**Apologies for absence:** PCSO Megan Jones and Cllr. Alan Bowness (CCC)

**Also in attendance:** Cllr. Tony Annison (ABC) & D. Smith (Clerk)

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the new Borough Councillor, Tony Annison, to those present.

The Clerk informed the meeting that as a result of the Parish Council elections held on May 7th the membership of Buttermere Parish Council was eight members and thus complete.

**01.15: Declarations of Interest:** None.

**02.15: Minutes of the 2014 Annual Parish Meeting:**

The minutes of the 2014 Annual Parish Meeting were accepted as a true and accurate record and were duly signed by the Chair.

**03.15: Election of Chairman:**

The Clerk asked for nominations for the position of Chairman for the following twelve months. Cllr. Raymond Beard was nominated.

Proposed: Cllr. Kyle

Seconded: Cllr. Richardson

All those present agreed and Cllr. Raymond Beard was duly elected Chairman of the Council.

**04.15: Election of Vice-Chairman:**

Nominations were sought for the position of Vice-Chairman for the following twelve months. As Cllr, Crowther was not in attendance it was agreed to postpone the election of the Vice-Chair until the September meeting.

**05.15: Chairman's Report:**

The Chair read his report to those present:

*I would like to thank David Smith for his efficient and conscientious work supporting Buttermere Parish Council over the past twelve months.*

*The year has again been dominated by the perpetual highway problems, mainly pot-holes and blocked culverts. Most of these issues were eventually resolved but no doubt will occur again this winter.*

*Several planning applications were received and discussed, but there was no objections to any of them.*

*Most recently we have had the local elections, which with the guidance of David Smith went smoothly. Malcolm Parker retired to Cockermouth during the winter and therefore was no longer eligible to serve Buttermere Parish Council. Fortunately, Yvette Kahane has replaced Malcolm and we warmly welcome her.*

*Lastly, thanks to all the Parish Council members for their help and support over the last year.*

#### **06.15: The End of Year Accounts:**

The Clerk presented the End of Year Accounts and talked those present through the figures. Total income during the year was £1,400.00p, this being the precept. Total expenditure was £1,203.16p. Together with the balance brought forward from the previous financial year, £159.81p, the balance of the main Parish Council account on March 31<sup>st</sup> 2015 was £356.65p. In the Business Reserve Account there was £1,115.85p, thus giving a total balance of £1,472.50p. The figures had been checked and agreed by Carole Carre (FCA), the internal auditor. There were no questions from those present. The End of Year accounts were formally agreed by the councillors present.

Councillors agreed that Carole Carre should act as Internal Auditor for the current financial year.

#### **07.15: The Annual Governance Statement:**

The Clerk took members through the annual governance statement contained within the external audit form which was duly completed by the Chair and the Clerk.

**ACTION: Clerk to send off the Annual Governance Statement to BDO, the external auditors.**

#### **08.15: Public Participation:**

The Chair invited Tony Annison, the recently elected Borough Councillor for Crummock Ward, to address the meeting.

Cllr. Annison stated that he was honoured to be representing Crummock Ward and that he was determined to attend as many Parish Council meetings as possible. He was keen to build good working relations with local Parish Councillors and he would make sure all his contact details were widely available. He explained that he had a background in the RAF and business along with a strong commitment to public service. He had recently been elected to the position of Deputy Leader of the Conservative group on Allerdale Borough Council and hopes to be able to redress the funding balance between town and country during the coming years.

A report from the Melbreak Communities Group had been received and was read out to those present.

The Chair thanked Cllr. Annison and the Parish Councillors for their attendance.

The meeting closed at 2.30pm.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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