

Hesket Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 14th May 2019 at 7.00pm in Low Hesket Village Hall, Low Hesket.

Present: Councillors; Olive Bell, Barry Davidson, John Dowes, Elaine Martin (Chair), Jenny Porter, John Rimmington, Alan Sillito, Christine Steel,
Officers; Lisa Beken (Clerk)
United Utilities: Luke Johnston,
Public: Hugh Lowthian, David Scurrah and two others

- APM 05/19/1** **Introduction and welcome: RESOLVED** that the Chair welcomed all present at the meeting, and outlined the agenda.
- APM 05/19/2** **Minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting: RESOLVED** that the date of the previous meeting was corrected to Tuesday 8th May 2018, and that the minutes were subsequently confirmed as a true record and were signed by the Chair.
- APM 05/19/3** **Annual report of the Parish Council by the Chair: RESOLVED** that the Chair read a report on the activities of the Parish Council in the year April 2018- March 2019, attached as an appendix to these minutes. The Chair presented retiring Councillor Olive Bell with a gift from Councillors in appreciation of her long service to the Parish Council. Councillor Bell received a round of applause.
- APM 05/19/4** **Statement on the Parish Council Account: RESOLVED** that the Clerk delivered a statement on the Annual Accounts for April 2018-March 2019, attached as an appendix to these minutes.
- APM 05/19/5** **Presentation by United Utilities on planned works in Calthwaite: RESOLVED** that United Utilities delivered a comprehensive explanation on planned works in Calthwaite due to commence on July 15th 2019 and run for a period of up to nine months, including details of further public consultation. Full details to be published on the Parish Council website. Concerns were raised by Councillors regarding traffic congestion during school drop-off and pick-up times, and it was requested that efforts be made to limit works traffic at these times. United Utilities confirmed that they would take this into consideration and that they were presently in communication with Cumbria County Council Highways Department to mitigate traffic issues.
- APM 05/19/6** **Public Participation: RESOLVED** that a member of the public raised concerns about litter and cigarette stubs at Plumpton bus shelter. Councillors agreed to consult with Eden District Council regarding the placement of a litter bin outside the shelter.

Meeting closed at 7.25pm

Appendix 1

Hesket Parish Council, Chair's Report 2018-2019

Good evening everyone and welcome to Hesket Parish Council.

We had an unsettled start to 2018 with our new clerk Ameer deciding to resign after just a year in the post, but in September we managed to appoint Lisa Beken to the post of clerk, I have to say a big thank you to Lisa for all her hard work, she has totally redesigned our website, she has been through just about every document we hold and she has made my role as chair a lot easier, Thank you Lisa.

In September we signed an agreement with Eden District Council to take on our streetlights in the whole of the parish 47 in all, although not all our councillors agreed with this we don't want to see our lights taken down in the future so we agreed to take them on.

The new Local Plan for Eden District Council was adopted at the end of last year, Armathwaite, Plumpton and High and Low Hesket are now key Hubs, this makes them more favourable for larger developments, there are 16 presently being built in Armathwaite, 27 or so in Plumpton and building is ongoing in High Hesket.

We continue to pay for grass cutting in Plumpton and Armathwaite, and have sited 2 new seats one outside the village hall at Low Hesket and replaced one at High Hesket.

We continue to look for new Councillors as our full council is 15 split into 3 wards. If anyone knows of anyone who might be interested please encourage them to come forward, at present we are really short in the Southwaite ward, where we only have John now that Nigel has decided to stand down, you can do as much or as little as a councillor it is totally up to yourselves.

We do have one councillor today who has also decided to stand down, Olive has served on the parish council for 32 yrs I want to wish her well and thank her for her time as a councillor. I would also like to say thank you to Lesley Grisedale, who continued to support Hesket Parish Council by attending our meetings and taking any of our concerns back to EDC sadly Lesley wasn't re-elected in the local elections on 2nd May.

Also to Tom Wentworth Waites our County Councillor and Erica Norman our PCSO who keeps us updated on County Council issues and Police matters in our parish.

Thank you

Appendix 2

Statement on the Parish Council Accounts for year ending March 2019

The Parish Council received a total of £18,039.37, and made payments totalling £15,998.11, including VAT payments of £978.49 due to be reclaimed. These figures include both the Footway Lighting Grant and bill, the resulting surplus of which was transferred to a ring-fenced savings account for future years costs.

Variances in receipts and payments from the previous tax year were accounted for by the adoption of Footway Lighting, in all other respects these remain largely unchanged. The other significant variance affected by the adoption is in total fixed assets, which were further increased by a re-evaluation of all other assets held.

The accounts were reviewed by the internal auditor and found to be in order. Following approval by the Parish Council, the Annual Governance and Accountability Review exemption certificate will be forwarded to the external auditor, and the Notice of Public Rights will be published on Monday June 10th, to fulfil statutory requirements.