

Bowness-on-Solway Parish Council

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 11th May 2016 at 6.30pm
in the Lindow Hall, Bowness-on-Solway.**

Present: Chairman J Graham

Councillors: Carruthers, Harrington, Hutton and Reay.

Members of the public: None Present

Clerk: M.Abbs

1. Apologies for absence: Cllrs Hinks, Bradshaw and Wills. Borough Councillor Hodgson had notified the clerk that he hoped to attend later in the evening.

2. The draft minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 13th May 2015 were **approved** as a correct record and **signed**.

3. Chairman's report

Cllr Graham provided an account of the activities that the Council had been involved in over the past year. Special mention was given to the road repairs in the area and the ongoing roll out of Superfast Broadband. Significant grants had been given to a number of local organisations. He hoped that normal meetings could be concluded by 9.30pm.

The clerk was thanked for his work during the year along with the other councillors, including Borough Cllr Hodgson and County Cllr Markley.

4. Presentation of accounts.

The clerk made available copies of the 3-year summary accounts and stated his belief that the Parish was in a healthy financial position, though the overall climate was still one of Local Authority cutbacks and austerity. Mention was made of the successful internal and external audit of the accounts. The publication of information online was mentioned. The significant contribution of the Council to Parish life was commented on and he believed that the Council had been successful in meeting its duties in other required areas such a planning. The clerk thanked the Chairman for his support and guidance during the past year and thanked all Councillors for the support he had received. The Council may face significant challenges ahead but was in a strong financial position to meet them.

6. Matters brought by parishioners

No matters were raised.

The Chairman then declared the meeting closed at 7.00 pm.