

Bassenthwaite Parish Council

**Minutes of Bassenthwaite Annual Parish Meeting
held in the Parish Room on Thursday 3rd May 2018 at 7.00pm.**

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Cllrs Present: John Stephens, Robert James, Helen Reb, Norman Harrop, Sarah Langcake, Ken Armstrong & Edward Trafford .

Also Present: Elizabeth Clark (Clerk).

1) Apologies – Cllrs Mattinson & McMillan

2) Minutes Resolved - that the Chairman sign as a correct record minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on 24th May 2017.

3) Chairman's Report - The Parish Council has met ten times in the past year. There have been fourteen planning applications considered.

The Parish Council has been at full strength for the past year with our full contingent of nine councillors.

The rebuilding of the Parish Room was completed in Autumn 2017 and the Parish Council thanks the Parish Room Committee for providing this brilliant facility for the use of the whole parish.

Police attendance at Parish Council meetings has now ceased but incidents are reported to our meetings and to a police web site allowing access to all.

The LDNPA have made no progress on the re-routing (compared to the map) of a footpath linking the quarry with the brow path to the East of the quarry edge. The land owner disputes that such a path should be permitted.

The condition of parish roads is constantly monitored by the Parish Council. Cllr Bob James reports to Cumbria Highways on a number of highway related problems including lighting, potholes, blocked drains and road surface deterioration.

Our sincere thanks to Cllr James for continuing with this Highways liaison work.

The parish council will continue to pay the costs for the lights and lighting of any Christmas tree erected by our community on the Green.

The Parish Council precept for the coming year has been held at the same level as last year (£7,350) as no extra expenditure is anticipated.

The church decided during the year that they wished to sell the Church Room on the Chapel crossroads and the council decided that it would be advantageous to all to sell the Hearse House alongside with a split of 90% / 10% on costs and proceeds. A buyer is currently proceeding with the purchase but the sale has not yet been finalised.

The old style cast iron highways signpost at the Chapel crossroads has been repaired and refurbished on the initiative of a number of parishioners and the Parish Council. A contract was awarded to a professional restorer with the cost largely met by donations with the council making up the shortfall. More donations would be welcome to enable other signposts in the parish to undergo the same treatment.

The defibrillator in the telephone box on the edge of the Green continues to be checked on a weekly basis by Councillors Reb and Harrop to ensure that it is fault free. Our thanks to these councillors for this ongoing task. The council meets the annual charges for maintaining the defibrillator.

We expect the telephone box at the Castle Inn to be removed at some future time.

The council has received several complaints concerning dog faeces lying on the Green and the children's play area by the beck. The council arranged with Allerdale for extra dog litter bins to be installed and for notices to be displayed to encourage dog owners to "clean it up" and dispose of in a bin. A dog owner who does not clear up could be facing a substantial fine plus the thought that their irresponsibility could harm a child.

There is a Bassenthwaite web site, www.bassenthwaite.org.uk, on which there is a Parish Council section where agendas and meeting minutes are posted along with other information. The Parish Council pay the costs of keeping the website online and are responsible for updating their own section of the site.

The Parish Council looks forward to another year serving the Bassenthwaite Civil Parish community with a reminder that next May (2019) is an election year when any parishioner can stand for election to the council and any councillor who wishes to continue must seek re-election

4) Consultation of Electors

No electors present.

The Annual Parish Meeting was closed at 7.07pm.