

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at Town Hall, Settle on Monday, 26th April 2018 at 7:00 pm.

Present: Cllrs Taylor, Balsamini, Handford, Catherwood, County Cllr Welch, District Cllr Hull & Miss R Hill -
The Clerk

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Chairman - Councillor David Taylor, welcomed all present and declared the meeting open.

1. **Apologies** - Town Cllrs Tyrer, Cotton, Beesley, Lord, Bellfield & District Cllr Staveley

2. **Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting 2017 were approved.**

3. **Mayors Report**

Cammock Lane

The Council is /was aware of a problem with Mare's Tail. The handyman has been working with plot holders and at this present time, seems to be under control.

The wet area at the bottom is still causing concern. The Council has been in contact with various stake holders and continues to work to find a solution.

Dog Meadow

Previously work has been undertaken to improve the drainage and has been monitored. Further drainage work will have to be undertaken.

Cemetery

The Cemetery continues to be maintained. The Council have found an alternative to removing big boulders. The area has been planted with shrubs and rockery plants.

The path has been extended up to it, looking down the Cemetery and Garden of Rest. This was done to encourage people not to climb over the wall.

Fowling notices have been provided by Craven District Council.

Indoor Market

The Indoor Market has been moved to the Royal Oak.

The Outdoor Market still provides locals with their weekly shop and also other goods are available.

Social Media

The Council has a Facebook page and a Website to keep people informed of Council meetings and events. It can be used as an open forum and means of communicating easily with the Town Council.

Settle Community Library

This is now fully functioning as a community library with over 60 volunteers, working tirelessly to provide a great service.

We wish it all the success for the future.

Christmas Lights

The Rotary Club took over the running of the Christmas Lights Turn On.

Settle Council provided a small grant to help fund part of the Christmas Light activities including the lights and tree but not the Firework display. Cllr Welch agreed to look into the funding for this from NYCC. The Town Council paid for the road closure.

Cllr Welch also organised free parking on Greenfoot carpark.

The Town Council wishes to thank all those that took part and helped to make the evening a great success. We would like to ask for volunteers to come forward for the next Christmas Lights switch on.

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Street Lighting

This year the Council have continued with the programme of repairing and replacing lights and columns where necessary. This is due in part to Electric North West new policy of not allowing street lights on wooden poles.

Castlebergh: Woodland

This is still the subject of much discussion this year. The main part being how to fund and create improved access and paths and a family area with a sculpture trail.

Stories in Stone has been identified alongside Craven District Council as potential sources of help and funding.

Play Areas

Management of the three play parks is ongoing.

Repairs on some of the equipment has been undertaken/or is in the process of being done.

The cutting season will shortly be upon us.

A big thank you to Glynn for all the hard work he puts in.

Grants

This year Settle Town Council awarded grants to:

Settle Stories

The Rotary Club

Christmas light switch on

Settle Community Business Hub

Total amount awarded was £1477.54

Action Plan for Market Towns

The Town Council has been working closely with C.D.C and The Chamber of Trade over the last 12 months, and various projects were put forward for discussion; these being Castlebergh Crag, Signage, Settle Website and the Tuesday Market re-vamp.

A report was sent to C.D.C. policy committee which agreed further actions. Castlebergh Crag was well received and awarded a grant of £10,000.

Signage was approved and a grant of £50,000 was awarded for a review and installation. This is to include brown tourist signs and market signs. The Chamber of Trade will take this forward.

£15,000 was allocated for the creation of the Settle Website which would also include the Market Website.

There was a question mark regarding the Market re-vamp. Further clarification was needed. This has been submitted and awaits an answer.

Views are welcome after the District and County Cllr reports.

I Would like to take this opportunity to thank numerous volunteers and community groups who provide help, support and entertainment to the people of Settle.

4. County and District Councillors' reports

County Councillor Welch reported on the 2.9% increase on the Council Tax plus 2% for Social Care.

Financial constraints remain for the County Council by 2020 there will be £200 million less in funding than in 2008.

The loss of 2 Primary Schools at Rathmell and Horton In Ribblesdale has also been a blow for the area.

In the last year 91% of pupils in North Yorkshire schools were rated as good or excellent.

Cllr Welch has been chairing the Craven Area Committee meeting for the past 4 years. Although this will be changing to a Constituency Committee with 6 extra members from the Ripon Area.

60 volunteers have come forward for the Settle Community Library which is running well.

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Grant funding from his locality budget has gone to Hellifield, Station Rd Play Area £1,000 for play equipment and £1000 for the Fireworks for the Christmas Lights Event. Settle Scouts received £2,000 for renovating the Drill Hall and Settle Parish Church were granted £1,000 towards the portable staging.

If a parish council organises a litter pick you have to register the vehicle to take the collected rubbish to the Household Waste Recycling Centre. There is also a new permit scheme for digging up the roads.

More roadside barns are being converted due to new planning policy. The discussion regarding increasing council tax for second homes has been put on hold for now.

Parish Forums for the Yorkshire Dales National Park have been held in several parishes but Parish Councils taking part has been very low only 19 out of 38 parishes had representatives attending.

Cllr Welch continues to serve on the Planning Committee.

District Councillor Hull

Expressed support for the voluntary community groups to play a role in the Action Plan for Settle Market Town. Craven District Ward Member Grants had proved successful this last year. This is going back to Policy Committee to consider a future grants process.

The Local Plan has now gone to the Planning Inspectorate and at 400 pages is a considerable document to digest. The map with the shaded areas is the most useful overview of the Local Plan. Cllr Hull sits on the Planning Committee. Sketch plans of the former Ashfield Toilets have been drawn up with a property developer as a joint venture with Craven District Council to develop their use.

Castlebergh Hospital CCG meeting will take place on 8th May 2018 at St Johns Methodist Church to decide it's future. 1,500 local people responded to the consultation opting for option 1 to keep Castlebergh Hospital.

5. Open Forum

Cllr Welch expressed his disappointment that the Town Council did not allow the Rotary Club to have a book stall on Saturdays in Summer on the Market Place. He said that without the Rotary Club there would not have been a Christmas lights switch event.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at **7.35 pm**

Signed

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