

TATHAM ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday 17th May 2016
Old School, Tatham Fells at 7.30pm

Presents: Cllr Bronwen Osborne (Chair)

Cllr Edward Mason

Cllr Andrew Taylor

Cllr Jim Harrison

Cllr Bill Deller

Cllr Mel Winstanley

Clerk: Janet Woodhouse

No members of the public attended

1.	Minutes of the Previous Meeting The Minutes of the Meeting held 19th May 2015 were read and approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman
2.	Parish Council Chairmans Report and Statement of Accounts The Chairman's report and statement of accounts were received and approved
3.	Tatham Relief in Need Charity The total amount in the COIF Charity fund is £12,736.72. The Charity has not received any requests for funds this year and has not made any payments. Trustees are W Deller, N Dawson, L Kirkby
4.	LALC Report Councillor Taylor gave a verbal report. The biggest issue has been housing. The three tier forum which links City, County and parish is breaking down.
5.	Voluntary Organisations The Church thanked the parish council for the grant they received. The Old School – repairs are needed to the kitchen floor and roof. LASRUG reported that in 2017 trains will be rescheduled to run 8 times a day.
6.	Public Matters. Road name signs have disappeared from Knott Hill Road, High Road and Thwaite Lane, the thefts will be reported to the police and city council. B4RN – the ducting which crosses the river has now been completely exposed after the floods. The duct could be run on the bridge abutments.
7.	Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 16 th May 2017

Tatham Parish Council – Annual Parish Assembly meeting, 2016

Chairman's Annual Report, May 2015 – May 2016

1: **Parish Clerk:** At the end of the previous year our clerk, Jane Lingings, resigned and, following advertisement, Janet Woodhouse was appointed in April 2015. Janet has proved to be efficient and effective and the Council would like to thank her for all her hard work throughout the year.

2. **Footpaths.** County wide signposting project; The Council agreed to help with this but opted out of the Local Rights of Way Maintenance Scheme. The signposting work was deferred until we received the necessary maps (which arrived during the middle of winter) and this project needs to progress this summer.

3. **Lengthsman.** The Council continued to employ the services of Ian Sedgwick as lengthsman under the direction of Cllr. Jim Harrison and all work, especially the mowing, has been carried out to a good standard.

4. **Railings.** In conjunction with the 'Payback Scheme' several lengths of iron roadside railings were painted during the summer, this work will continue this summer. The Council paid for materials only.

5. **B4RN.** During the year the project for the installation of cabling throughout the parish was completed to all properties who had asked to receive the service. It is now fully operational and generally well received.

6. **Highways.** The roads throughout the parish continue to deteriorate and the Council have asked the LCC what plans they had for planned maintenance and when it might occur. We were referred to the Countywide strategic plan and budget for the periods 2015-2020 and 2020-2025, both of which showed increasing funds available but with no detail at a local level. We therefore continue to report (using the LCC website 'Report it') the ever increasing number of potholes on a piecemeal basis and the LCC continues to repair the worst ones as and when. This is not a satisfactory state of affairs which has not been helped by the wettest winter in living memory.

7. **Parish Notice Board – Lowgill.** During the year the sliding glass doors became hard to operate and the council paid for it to be repaired. At the same time it was re-located. The repair was not totally successful and problems have arisen again recently. A decision on further action is on the agenda for the Parish council meeting following the Parish Assembly.

8. **Planning applications.** These have not been as numerous as previous years and were generally of a minor nature. The Council has examined all applications referred to it but no comments have been submitted.

9. **Grants.** The Council received applications from The Good Shepherd Church, Tatham Fells, Lowgill Old School, St. James the Less Church, Lower Tatham and the Friends of Lowgill School. Grants were made to all four of these local organisations. Donations were also made to LASRUG, NW Air Ambulance and the Wrayly Mail.

Edward Mason, Chairman,

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