

Minutes of the Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting of Witherslack Meathop & Ulpha Parish, held at Witherslack Parish Hall on Wednesday 23rd May 2018 at 7pm.

Councillor Christine Carter (Chairman of Witherslack Meathop & Ulpha Parish Council) welcomed everyone to the meeting.

There was an attendance of 17, including most of the Parish Councillors, County Councillor Jim Bland, District Councillor John Holmes and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Brian Wilson, The Revd. Michael Woodcock and John Geldard.

Minutes:

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 3rd May 2017 were taken as read. There were no matters arising.

Chairman's Report:

The Chairman gave her report which will be appended to these minutes in the file. She thanked the Councillors and Clerk for their work during the year and the County and District Councillors for their attendance and support.

Other reports:

The Clerk read a report from The Revd. Michael Woodcock, Priest-in-Charge on the past year's activities at St Paul's Church. This will be appended to these minutes in the file.

Public participation:

The following issues were raised by members of the public:

- a. **Speed of traffic through the village.** A number of parents from the village expressed their concerns regarding the increase in the number of speeding vehicles through the village and asked about a possible speed limit. The Headmaster of Oversands school, Mr Robin Adams and Mr Julian Monk addressed the meeting and stated that they were aware of the complaints, which seemed to have increased since the pupils were transported into the school daily. He had informed all the visiting drivers and staff about the problem and been in the village to monitor the problem. He stated he would assist the Parish Council to find a solution. Councillor Bland said he would request an assessment by CCC Highways and he also agreed to enquire as to what the cost of signs might be, as he felt that, if the request was granted, the Parish Council would have to fund it. Meanwhile, the school will contact PCSO Jayne Park for help and advice and this will be an agenda item for the Parish Council meeting in July.

- b. **Proposed play area.** Representatives of a new group formed to explore the possibility of establishing a play area in the village introduced themselves. They sought the support of the Parish Council in looking at different sites for this venture. Councillor Holmes said that SLDC would be willing to come out and look at the possibilities and advise, and that there could be funding available from the Locally Important Projects Fund (LIPs). The group will now seek to put together a scheme with costings.

- c. **Historic England Consultation Report.** The Churchwarden of St Paul's Church, Mr Tony Walshaw, spoke of the recent correspondence regarding the War Memorial and said he would deal with the correction to this document that was required. There is no need for the Parish Council to respond.

The meeting closed at 7.30m.

Signed:

Dated: