

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting for Cartmel Fell held at the Parish Hall, Cartmel Fell, on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 7pm.

Councillor Helen Smith was in the Chair and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

There was an attendance of nine, including all of the Parish Councillors and Parish Clerk Kevin Price.

**Minutes:**

The minutes of the 2024 Annual Parish Meeting, held on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2024, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

There were no matters arising.

**Chairman's Report:**

The Chairman gave a brief verbal report on the Council's activities during the past year and thanked all of the Councillors for their regular attendance and work and the Parish Clerk for his work.

**Police Report:** None.

**Westmorland & Furness Councillor's Reports:**

None, and disappointment was expressed that there were no Ward Councillors present.

**Charity Accounts:**

Councillor Mike Smith gave a verbal report on the Bryan Beck Charity; there had been a number of beneficiaries during the past year and the finances are sound.

A question was asked and clarified the fact that the Charity Accounts are presented by tradition and courtesy and are not actually part of the Parish Council's work or finances. The Council is always happy to report on these and on any other community activity.

**Public participation:**

A general discussion took place on the functions of a Parish Council and the regulations pertaining to it, as the first tier of Local Government. Residents present are involved in the Cartmel Fell Volunteers and there is now a link to this on the website.

The possibility of having a parish/village plan could be considered for the future and the group expressed their willingness to work alongside the Parish Council to help support projects as and when required. The Clerk explained that members of such a group could be part of an 'action group' and do not need to be Parish Councillors.

Thanks were expressed to the Volunteers for the works that they undertake for the benefit of the community.

*The meeting closed at 7.30pm.*

*Signed:*

*Dated:*