

## HELINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 5 April 2017 at 8.20pm in the Helsington and Brigsteer Village Hall

**Present:** Cllrs A Davies (Chairman), B Mansbridge, S Carman, R Park , S Savasi , J Seddon, County Cllr J Bland, Ms J Saunders (Clerk) and 10 members of the public.

1. Apologies were received from Cllr K Ritchie and District Cllr A Rawlinson.
2. The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 6 April 2016 were approved and subsequently signed by Cllr A Davies.
3. Cllr A Davies presented the Chairman's Report on Parish Council activities and parish matters 2016/17. Thanks were conveyed to parish councillors and the Clerk for their work and support, and also to District Cllr A Rawlinson and County Cllr J Bland for their attendance at parish council meetings. The work of Cllrs S Carman, J Seddon and others on the Community Led Plan was recognised and appreciated. Cllr Davies also referred in his address to the accession of a large part of the parish to the Lake District National Park from 1 August 2016, the contentious planning application by Helsington Community Land Trust to build eight houses on the site next to the Village Hall (as yet undetermined), the changes to legislation required before land drainage proposals for the Lyth Valley will be progressed, road safety and highways issues, and the arrival of high speed fibre broadband in the parish.
4. There was an opportunity for members of the electorate to raise any matters relevant to the Parish - no matters were raised.
5. Cllr S Carman gave a presentation on the Community Led Plan. The purpose of the Plan is to enable the community to plan and achieve its goals, and to inform the Parish Council and principal authorities in their decision making. The Action Plan is in table format and covers four major themes - Housing, Road Safety, Sustainable Environment and Vibrant Communities. Within these themes 15 issues with actions attached have been identified. The next step is to communicate the Plan to residents and partner groups. A letter will be sent to every household in the parish giving an overview of the Plan, and information about how to access the Plan on the Council's website or obtain a hard copy if required. Helsington Parish Council will lead the management and control the delivery of the Action Plan, and reviews would take place at future Council meetings. The need for active engagement was emphasised, and a risk warning issued: 'Please don't let this document gather dust on a shelf.'

Following the presentation, there was an opportunity for comments, questions and suggestions.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm, after which refreshments were served.

Signed: .....  
(Chairman)  
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