

Kettlewell with Starbotton Parish Council

Wednesday 11 May 2016, 7:00pm in Kettlewell Village Hall

Present: Cllr Harvey (Chair), Cllr Appleton, Cllr Lister, Cllr Parker, Clerk and 8 members of the public

Apologies: Mr Nelson, County Cllr Marshall and District Cllr Graham

1. Election of the Chairman

It was resolved that Cllr Harvey be chairman

2. Election of Deputy Chairman

It was resolved that Cllr Appleton be Deputy Chairman

3. Chairman's report 2015-16

Cllr Belk's gave the Chairman's report on the past year (a copy is attached as Annex 1).

4. Financial statement

The Clerk presented a short summary of the accounts for 2015-16(a copy is attached as Annex 2).

5. Council representatives on other bodies

Playground Committee – Cllrs Harvey and Parker

YLCA – Cllr Appleton

Neighbourhood plan – Cllr Parker

6. Approach and timetable for co-opting an ordinary vacancy

It was agreed that adverts would be put on the notice boards, Facebook and Twitter as well as emailed direct to parishioners who had previously expressed an interest.

Chairman's Report 2015-16

The year 2015/2016 has seen problems with public transport, ongoing problems with highway repair and maintenance. There have however been no contentious or problematic difficulties with planning applications. We have however for the first time installed two defibrillators and maintained the precept at a similar level to previous years.

Public transport has been problematic as it seemed that the parish would at one time lose all its bus services in entirety. As you are all aware we now have a public bus service, in the Wharfedale Venture albeit with reduced capacity. The timetable has been maintained at similar or improved levels from previous years, it is hoped that once the service has established itself the possibility of increased service may arise. Our thanks should be given the Buckden residents and parish council along with Craven District Councillor Chris Clark and our councillor Nelson who have made the scheme so far something we should all be proud of.

Two defibrillators have been installed in the parish, with the possibility of a third becoming available. One has been installed in Starbotton and the other on the front of the building in which we sit. A course of training has taken place in Starbotton and I believe another is to be arranged here in Kettlewell.

The parish has in my opinion altered for the better in welcoming quite a few new families, the majority of which have become involved in community life whilst also and more importantly swelling the numbers attending Kettlewell School, hopefully guaranteeing its survival for many more years.

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow councillors Charlton, Appleton, Nelson and Parker for their diligence, hard work, wit, honesty and forthright opinion. I would like to thank our sixth councillor, our clerk, Sara for her knowledge, commitment, and drive and latterly for just keeping going during what I know has been a very difficult time for her.

I would also like to congratulate Councillor Clerk for his first and sadly last year representing us at Craven District Council. I will long remember the evening he lectured the Chairman of the National Park on how to improve the Authority.

Also, Shelagh Marshall for maintain a presence both on the National Park Planning Authority and at NYCC

Now and really finally I welcome our new parish council, maintaining the experience of councillors Appleton and Parker, bringing back councillor Harvey and as new blood Councillor Lister

David Belk
Parish Council Chairman 2015-16

Financial report for Kettlewell with Starbotton Parish Council 2015-16

Annual Meeting May 2016

The Parish Council housekeeping continues to be prudent. The Councillors and Clerk did not claim any expenses (for example no mileage to attend meetings). Mr Wilkinson and Cllr Parker continue to maintain the streetlights at no cost for his time. The Clerk has declined to take a salary for the role.

Receipts

Precept	Salt sales	Interest	Donations*	Grant	Total
£6506	£4	£3	£93*	£339**	£6,943

*Parish Plan

**Smaller Authorities Transparency Fund

VAT has still to be reclaimed for some of 2012 through to 2016.

Payments

Other	Electric.	Membership	Insurance	Website	ROSPA inspection	Clock service	Grass cutting	Donations	Total
£273*	£0	£243**	£404	£60	£93	£268	£860	£500***	£2,712

*Other includes: Village Hall rent for Parish Council Meeting £83, emergency box contents £77, laptop lead £7, Stamps £34, defib fitting materials £44, ink £10, SLCC training day £30.

**Subscriptions include: YLCA £116, SLCC Annual Fee £48, Council Open Spaces Society £45 and GIS £34

***Upper Wharfedale Venturer

The Council's fixed assets, include the War Memorial; playground lease; street lighting poles, wall mounted fittings and assorted spares; Maypole, benches, notice boards, and 22 bags of salt and half a coffin byre.

Sara Spillett

Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer