

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly of Preston Patrick held on Monday 22nd May 2017 7pm in
Preston Patrick Memorial Hall**

Present Cllr Tony Mason (TM) – Chairman, Anne-Marie Cade (AMC) the Clerk,

**Also present: Cllrs Peter Winter (PW) Olive Clarke (OC), John Foster (JF), Zoe Mack (ZM), County
and District Members Cllrs R. Bingham and B. Cooper, Speakers Frank Sanderson and 1 other
member of the public**

Start: 7.05 pm

16/001	The Chairman opened the meeting following refreshments and welcomed all present to thanking them for coming
16/002	The Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on the 23 rd May 2016 were approved as accurate and the Chairman authorised to sign them as such
16/003	A written Annual Report from Kendal Rural Police Team was received and outlined a reduction in reported incidents compared to the previous year .The total number of recorded crimes rose slightly to 104. A number of successful operations have taken place over the year with other constabularies or local volunteers. The public were reminded to 101 to ring report suspicious behaviour.
16/004	The Annual Report from the Burton Educational Foundation was given by Cllr Mrs Olive Clarke including the purpose of the group as a charitable trust giving small grants to individual children and young people from local parishes attending further or higher education. Publicised in local parish magazines there is a low take up at present
16/005	A Report from the Friends of Lancaster Canal was given by Mr Frank Sanderson including work carried out by “Owd Lanky Boaters” on canal bridges and structures, Canal Arts and Crafts art classes based at the Old School Crooklands and Swan Upping activities carried out by a small group ringing swans in the area including Windermere and the West Coast
16/006	The Written Annual Report from Preston Patrick Memorial Hall Committee was submitted by Cllr Keith Richardson including the purchase of new chairs, maintenance to lighting and toilets. 9 New windows funded by a grant from the Banks Group, resurfacing of part of the car park thanks given to Preston Patrick and SLDC for contributions to this. The committee has a new secretary and thanks are given to all those who have contributed to the hall, with especial thank to Olive Clarke who has been treasurer for 50 years.
16/007	A written Annual Report from Preston Patrick & Preston Richard WI was received from Mrs Sue Sanderson including meetings take place 7.30pm, the first Wednesday of the month at the memorial hall and new members will be warmly welcomed. The WI is held 95 th Anniversary celebrations last year. Meetings include invited speakers on varied topics and members submit entries to the County Show with the group winning a prize last year. To celebrate the Queens 90 th Birthday 500 daffodil bulbs were planted in verges and a hand-made card sent to Her Majesty. Cllr Olive Clarke added that the National W.I. meeting considered the problems of dementia and loneliness across all generations
16/008	Annual Report from St Patrick’s District Church Council was given by Cllr Tony Mason including good attendance at Sunday morning services communion taken at St Gregory’s Nursing Home and “Open the Book” at Endmoor School. Maintenance works include

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	<p>regular volunteer Boon Days to clear the churchyard, a wall gap built by a local dry stone walling organisation, the need for expensive tarmac repairs to the drive.</p> <p>A Garden of Remembrance is being developed with an area levelled a path dug and an inscribed stone being installed.</p>
16/009	<p>The Annual Report from Preston Patrick Parish Council was given by Council Chairman Tony Mason including the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• thanks to all Members,• 6 meetings a year considering relevant parish issues including commenting on planning applications• Litter pick in April was successful again with over 20 bags collected – thanks to those that helped• Considerable funding given to the B4SW to help bring superfast broadband to the parish
16/010	<p>An annual Report from Cumbria County and South Lakeland District Council was given by Councillor Roger Bingham including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• thanks for re – election in County Council elections and good turnout figures. Council administration cannot be formed as there is no overall majority and the General Election will be on the 8th June. Due to this planning decisions are being delayed• Precept increase for County including additional amount for Adult Social Services• Children’s services improving and schools generally good• flooding better this year – one incident last August• Highways – many resurfacing works carried out in the area this year• Gatebeck chimney - ongoing complaints about pollution• Thanks were given for invitation to attend Parish meetings
16/011	<p>Open Forum – Members of the public were invited to raise matters relevant to the Parish</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr Winter commented that the cancellation of planning committee meetings was causing work to be delayed or lost and was not seen as necessary as decisions were not political (Cllr Bingham to pass on comment)• The wall by the beck is leaning and is at risk of future collapse which could cause flooding. This has been reported to the County Council years ago and is now exacerbated as verges have been removed and parking has increased (Cllr Bingham to report)
16/012	<p>Close – The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.50 pm</p>

Chair:

Date: