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Minutes of the *Annual Meeting of the Parish Council* held in the Lower Market House, Hawkshead on Tuesday 18 May 2010, commencing at 7.30 pm.

present

Councillors

Mr R M Woodhouse (Chairman), Mrs F Stride, Mr W Barr and Mr D J Spedding, Mrs C Wood, Mr I Moulton and Mr A Brown. Clerk – Mr J I Poole

Members of the public

PCSO Laura Ashley, Mrs P Orford, Mrs L Woodhouse, Mr M O'Connell, Mr J Cameron, Mrs A Cameron, Mr J Usher, Mrs B Brown, Mr D Vaughan, Mrs E Hunter, Mr R Banks and Ms J Stabler.

**Apologies**

175 None. All members present.

**Minutes of the last meeting**

176 The Chairman was authorised to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the last meeting held on 19 May 2009.

**Chairman's Report**

177 This is my first Chairman's Report and I have a hard act to follow in Mrs. Brown, however, I am pleased that we have the new younger blood she described in her last report with the three new young councillors who joined in 2009.

178 This is a job which I was unsure of and I know that the last year has been made easier for me by the assistance and guidance of my Vice Chairman Bill Barr and from the Clerk, John Poole and I thank them both.

179 As a Council we have met eleven times and excellent attendance has been shown by all. The police presence at meetings has also been extremely good, with an attendance of ten out of the eleven meetings – the fact that crime is falling in Hawkshead, I feel, is also to the good.

180 The weather has caused many problems in 2009 and 2010 with fifteen homes and four businesses affected by the severe flooding, also adding to the problem was the fact that people could not reach the village because of flooding on the roads leading to the village. In response to the latter problem we are pushing for the removal of the fish screen at the foot of Esthwaite. The snow gave us concerns with a lack of gritting on the roads but we were able to arrange delivery of seven tons of grit to Hawkshead Hall Farm for use on local roads.

181 The village now has new housing for five local families at Tyson Fold and I was pleased to have viewed the houses and have the opportunity to meet the residents. Let us hope that more developments may follow, as we know the area needs low cost local housing.

182 I am pleased that we have now finalised the lease for the police station car park and this is in place for ten years. The project for the Hawkshead Squares is moving along well and I am sure that in time we will achieve great things and this can only be good for the village and its residents.

183 I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your constant support and enthusiasm and I hope we can continue to work together to represent the community at this the first tier of local government.

#### **Election of Chairman**

184 Mr Woodhouse was duly elected to serve as Chairman for the ensuing year.

#### **Election of Vice Chairman**

185 Mr Barr was duly elected to serve as Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.

#### **Appointments to other bodies**

186 Mr Brown, Mrs Wood, Mr Spedding and Mr Moulton were elected to serve as representatives on the Recreation Ground Trust.

187 Mr Barr was elected to serve as representative on the Market House Trust.

188 Mr Moulton was elected to serve as representative on the Grammar School Trust.

An ordinary meeting of Council followed immediately.