



Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 03 April 2017 in the Memorial Hall, Dent

Present: Councillors Graham Dalton, Rita Corpe, Chris Evans, Danny Smith, Jenny Pilgrim,

District Councillors Kevin Lancaster, Mel Mackie

To be presented for acceptance at the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 02 April 2018

		There were 10 members of the public present.	
		Councillor Dalton welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised that the meeting would hear from Carole Marsden from Western Dales Mission Community first.	
1		<p>Rev. Carole Marsden gave a presentation on the changing face of the church in the Western Dales.</p> <p>Church life is changing locally and globally. In 2009 the Anglican, Methodist and united Reformed churches began a conversation on how to work better for the local community. By 2011 they had formed a partnership agreement with the Western Dales leading the way. The rest of Cumbria is watching.</p> <p>From 2016 17 churches within the border of the M6 to the West and Hawes to the East have pledged to work together with the principle that they will “try not to do apart what can be done together.”</p> <p>One of the benefits is that resources will be able to be shared. Resources like ministers, groups and even buildings.</p> <p>Sharing ministers will allow them to be more creative and create new ways to deliver services to the community.</p> <p>Buildings are often very sacred with people having been married there, or having relatives buried there. In time some of these buildings will close as a result of cost saving measures. Some will become retreat houses or visitor attractions thus preserving their sacred status.</p> <p>The vision is that by 2020 everyone who lives in Cumbria will have been invited to meet with God, however no-one is yet sure what that journey will look like.</p> <p>Questions were then invited from councillors and members of the public:</p> <p>It was asked how the charitable and social work of the church would continue under this new system.</p> <p>Rev. Marsden answered that the churches would be better together. Sharing resources such as groups etc. Also there were plans for a building to be turned into residential care which is severely lacking in the area. There would be other opportunities to provide other community spaces.</p> <p>It was noted that this change was encouraging.</p> <p>Rev. Marsden was thanked for her presentation and left with the best wishes of the council.</p>	

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Date:.....



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2	<p>Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 04 April 2016: The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 04 April 2016 were presented and agreed as a correct record. A copy was duly signed by the chair.</p>
3	<p>Annual Report 2017: The annual report for 2016/17 was presented and accepted. The report contained submissions from the following groups: Chair's Report Dent Grammar School Educational Foundation Dent Combined Charities Planning Group Upper Dales Health Watch Dent Library Link Dentdale.com Playing Field Committee Sedbergh Health Centre Patients Forum No questions were forthcoming from members of the public on invitation. A presentation was then made to Eddie and Rita Smith who had recently retired as proprietors of Dent Stores. This was in recognition of almost 30 years service to the community.</p>
4	<p>The meeting closed at 8.10pm</p>

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