

ALLITHWAITE AND CARTMEL PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) AND PARISH MEETING

This year's Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Monday 24th May at 7.00 pm in Cartmel Village Hall. It will be followed by the monthly Parish Council Meeting.

The Annual Parish Meeting is the occasion for the Parish Council, District and County Councillors to report on the last year and an opportunity for parishioners to ask questions and comment on other activities in the parish.

The Annual Parish Council Meeting is the council's AGM at which the chairman and vice chairman are elected. Parishioners are welcome to attend this meeting, as they are invited to attend all Parish Council Meetings.

The minutes of meetings and agendas can be found on the noticeboards in Allithwaite and Cartmel and on the Parish website: www.allithwaiteandcartmel.co.uk.

PARISH LENGTHSMAN

The Parish Lengthsman Archie Workman has started the new season with a range of maintenance jobs around Allithwaite and Cartmel Parish. As well as his normal duties of cutting and trimming various areas in the area, Archie has started to maintain a number of wooden benches in the parish as well as the Mini Libraries and fences around the Allithwaite allotments along with various village signage to paint and clean. Another full year for Archie to do his normal duties for the Parish along with some extras that crop up now and then. A job well done Archie!

KING GEORGE V JUBILEE PLAYGROUND

You may have noticed work being carried out in the KGV which is due to the future installation hopefully in June of a Zip Wire at the bottom of the playground.

Work to remove the large mound has been undertaken along with the trimming of various tree branches on the site area to allow the installation to proceed.

Other maintenance work has also been completed which was prompted by the annual safety check which had been undertaken.

The removal of wooden surrounds around some of the pieces of equipment has been replaced with soil mounding's and grass seed along with the trimming several branches on the cherry trees.

The playground committee are to be congratulated on their efforts to maintain and introduce new equipment to the KGV at a time when fund raising was impossible during the last 12 months but perseverance in grant applications has paid off. Allithwaite village is lucky to have such a fine play area in a small village, maintained and run by a small body of volunteers who so work hard to keep it up to such a high standard. Thanks to all involved and of course thanks go to the team who recently completed the preparation and maintenance work.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION

At the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 15th April councillors discussed proposed Local Government Reorganisation which is supported by the authorities of Cumbria as it presents an opportunity to deliver better services to residents, more efficiently and will bring clarity to local government. It will enable stronger leadership for Cumbria and enable devolution to attract investment, strengthen the economy and level up the region.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications, which can be viewed via the SLDC planning portal quoting the relevant reference number, were discussed by the meeting:

SL/2021/0206 Blenkett Farm, Jack Hill Allithwaite.
SL/2021/0282 Burnleigh Garret House, Cartmel
SL/2021/0317 for Greenfield Lodge, Cartmel
SL/2021/0332 Old Bar, Cavendish Street
SL/2020/0337 Fairfield Lodge, Cartmel

Notification of an Appeal - Land south of Hags Lane, Cartmel
LA11 6PH - SL/2017/0732

HOW TO REPORT A POTHOLE

You can report potholes to Highways. Contact details are: <https://www.cumbria.gov.uk> and follow instructions, click on Highways...to report a problem or Phone 0300 303 2992 and make sure you note the reference number allocated to your report/problem.

The involvement of the public in reporting potholes, and other problems with the highways, prompts Highways in repairing the damage, the more complaints from the public the more notice that Highways will take in ensuring repairs are done.

The Parish Council has a list of highways issues within the area and liaises with CCC Highways in an attempt get improvements done but it has to be said that reporting of faults from the general public does help our cause and is the best way ahead!

HIGHWAYS

It's good to see that several potholes on Cartmel Road and the large pothole at the entrance to The Racecourse Car Park has been filled in. Highways are installing new gullies on Vicarage Lane to decrease the risk of flooding. Work begins on April 19th and should last for a week. If you notice a pavement in poor or dangerous condition please report it, see above.

ALLITHWAITE MINI-LIBRARY

We hope to spring clean the library in April and will start collecting new books. We have placed a box on the bottom shelf in the library for DONATED books. Please place RETURNED books in the swing bin as usual.

We are very happy to see that many children's books are being borrowed and thank you to everyone who has helped during the pandemic by writing down their phone numbers in case we need to Track and Trace!

CARTMEL MINI LIBRARY

(adjacent to the Village Hall) will be open daily from: April 12th from 9.30am – 5pm.

A wide selection of books to borrow. Please note we are not currently accepting any book donations. Hand sanitiser to be used & all returned books will be quarantined.

CARTMEL

The Planning Application for the Riverside Toilets rebuild has been Approved and the PC sub-committee are now actively seeking the additional Grants needed before the project can go ahead.

The Parish Council are pursuing in-depth refurbishment of the Listed Fish Slabs and Pinnacle in Market Square towards which suitable Grants are being explored.

Cllr Mike Lamb