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The following are the minutes of the Annual Parish Open Meeting held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017 in Bouth Village Hall at 7pm.

**Members Present:** Cllr Barr, Cllr Dean, Cllr Hoyle, Cllr Milburn, Cllr Watson, Cllr Oates & K.Birch (Clerk)

**Also present:** 5 members of the public, including David Hamer (Chairman Bouth Village Green & playground advisory committee), Robert Jarratt (Rural Crime Initiative) & Alan Vial (Owen Bayliss a CCTV company)

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Champion (holiday) & PCSO Paul Harris (attending another meeting)

**2. Minutes of 2016 Open Meeting**

The minutes of the 2016 Annual Parish Open Meeting were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**3. Chairman's Report for 2016-17**

The Chairman read his Annual Report; a copy had been made available on the website.

**4. Open Forum**

Mr Roderick Smith expressed his thanks to the Colton Parish Chairman, Cllr Barr and the retired previous Clerk Mandy Lane for all their help and support on behalf of the community.

**5. Dates for This Year's Meetings**

The meeting dates for the coming year had been distributed:

Date	Meeting	Venue
8 <sup>th</sup> May 17	<b>Parish Open Meeting &amp; Annual Parish Council 2017</b>	Bouth Village Hall
5 <sup>th</sup> June 17	Parish Council	Colton Church Hall
17 <sup>th</sup> July 17	Parish Council	Rusland Reading Room
11 <sup>th</sup> Sept 17	Parish Council	Finsthwaite Village Hall
16 <sup>th</sup> Oct 17	Parish Council	Bouth Village Hall
4 <sup>th</sup> Dec 17	Parish Council	Rusland Reading Room
15 <sup>th</sup> Jan 18	Parish Council	Bouth Village Hall
19 <sup>th</sup> Feb 18	Parish Council	Finsthwaite Village Hall
26 <sup>th</sup> Mar 18	Parish Council	Rusland Reading Room