

HAMPSTHWAITE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Assembly held on Monday 9 May 2011.

At 7pm, in the Village Room.

1. Election of chairman. D.Collett, proposed by G.Howard and seconded by D.Bastow. D.Collett agreed to continue in the office for a further year.
2. Minutes of the last meeting held on 10 May 2010, having been circulated were taken as read and approved as being a true record of that meeting, proposed by D.Bastow and seconded by G.Howard. The Chairman duly signed the minutes.
3. Chairman's report. D.Collett thanked all the Councillors for their continued support and hard work during the year. He thanked them for re-electing him as chairman for a further year. The membership of the Council had changed during the year with the resignation of Sarah Doyne and later Margaret Feather, and welcomed John Carney as new Councillor . Although there was still a vacancy on the Council Councillors agreed that the vacancy should remain until a suitable candidate was found.

The Council were delighted with the progress that had been made on the Feast Field with the drainage scheme and the introduction of the Cabins to be used for Community purposes, providing storage for the Feast equipment, and for the Junior Football Team as well as providing toilets.

A special thanks to Geoff Howard for all his dedicated work in ensuring that the project continues to its final conclusion.

Thanks should also be given to Mark Smith MD of HACS for the contribution and assistance by his Company to make the project possible by use of their equipment.

The Village Plan group that had been reformed to pursue reducing speeding in the village following the overwhelming support identified in a village survey Unfortunately this is making slow progress.

Other considerations the the Council are working on through the Village Plan Group include the Community Resilience Plan Scheme chaired by John McPartlan. the Greening Campaign chaired by Grant Blakemore, assisted by Bill Atkinson and Denis Bastow.

The School were also taking part in this project to encourage better environmental usage in the Village.

The Village Plan Group were also investigating the improvement of Broadband coverage for the Village, and a survey had been undertaken to see how many residents were interested.

Following the second bad winter weather Councillors raised the problem of insufficient grit bins and grit piles but following negotiations with NYCC this has resulted in an increase in the number of bins in the area.

The success of the Cruet Fold Affordable housing scheme was completed by Summer 2010 and the residents are now settled in their new accommodation. A Public Meeting had been held to discuss the possible implication of a further rural development of land adjacent to the Brookfield estate as part of the Rural LDF Plan, resulting in an overwhelming majority of residents who attended the meeting rejecting the proposal.

Thanks were given to all Councillors and members of the Community who had taken part in the above schemes and supported the Council over the year, including the Clerk Chris Moore.

4. Annual Accounts. Copies had been circulated and approved by Councillors.
5. Election of Officers
 - a. Vice chairman .G.Howard proposed by D.Collett, seconded by D.Bastow.
 - b. Y.L.C.A. & Two Ridings Community Fund. D.Bastow proposed by D.Collett and seconded by G.Howard.
 - c. Safer Neighbourhood Group. J.McPartlan, proposed by G.Howard, seconded by D.Bastow.
 - d. Footpaths representative. W.Atkinson, proposed by D.Collett, seconded by D.Bastow.
 - e. Village Society. W.Atkinson, proposed by G.Howard, seconded by D.Bastow.
6. Parishioners observations.

S.Jennings proposed that the Councillors were doing a fine job.

H.Garnett seconded that Hampsthwaite had a good team of Councillors.

Signed:

Dated: