

HAMPSTHWAITE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held at 7pm on 8 May 2017 in the Village Room.

1. Election of Chairman: D.Collett proposed unanimously.
2. Minutes of last meeting held on 16 May 2016, proposed by J.Fairfoot seconded by G.Howard.
3. Chairman's Report.

He thanked the Council for electing him as Chairman for another Year.
He gave notice that he will not be seeking re-election at the next Annual Meeting and that he would be standing down as a Councillor having served 20 years.
He thanked Helen Brown for acting as Vice Chairman during the past year and the four new Councillors who joined at the 2016 Annual Meeting, Geoff Howard, John Fairfoot, Malcolm Wray and Jeremy Backhouse
The matters that have been on the agenda were housing pressures and highways concerns.
David Wilson Homes at Grange Park. There have been issues concerning the state of the approach road, the erection of unapproved fencing and ongoing worries about water flows.
Pressure from developers seeking to build on agricultural land and extending the Brookfield site. Two new applications one for development at Brookfield Garth have recently been received. The Parish Council remain determined to oppose any major additional or inappropriate development in the village.
Problems have arisen from increased traffic in the village relating to speeding along Hollins Lane and Church Lane and parking congestion in the centre of the village. No progress has been made in getting North Yorkshire Highways to acknowledge these problems and co-operate with us in seeking solutions.
The Council have become frustrated at the failure of the Highways Department to respond positively to our concerns. Rules, regulations, officialdom and bureaucracy dominate to the detriment of villager's legitimate complaints.
We are trying to enlist the help of our County Councillor Michael Harrison to try and make progress.
Increasing incidents of vandalism and unpleasant activity around the Memorial Hall have arisen over the past year as well as the bus shelter and Feast Field. We have been active in seeking police co-operation to reduce these problems.
A CCTV camera at the Memorial Hall and locking the bus shelter seems to have reduced the problem but we shall keep monitoring the situation.
The re-introduction of regular Newsletters has been well received and of course the village looked splendid and fully engaged in the TDY. My thanks to those primarily involved in making it such a successful day.
We live in a lovely village and I acknowledge the hard work of the many volunteers involved in the various groups and societies who ensured Hampsthwaite is such an active and wonderful place.
4. Annual Accounts
Approved by G.Howard and M.Wray.

Accounts for year ending 31 March 2017 £'s

Income		Expenses	
Bal. c/f.	12601	Staff costs	2950
Precept	9502	Gen. Exp.	3278
Grant	188	Grass	1623
F.Field	975	Audit	100
NYCC	300	V.Green	554
HBJFC	558	F.Field	3355
NUFC	558	vat	513
HBC	447	Total	12373
Total	25129		
less	12373	Balance by Cash Book	12756.28
Balance	12756	Bank Account	12756.28

5. Election of Officers

Vice Chairman H.Brown unanimously approved

Memorial Hall J.Carney proposed by J.Fairfoot seconded by M.Wray

Y.L.C.A. M.Wray agreed to continue as representative

Safer Neighbourhood Group/Community Resilience. J.Fairfoot unanimously approved.

Recreational and Sporting Facilities/Feast Group. M.Wray, H.Brown unanimously approved.

Footpaths. J.Carney and J.Fairfoot unanimously approved

Village Society G.Howard, D.Collett agreed to liaise when required.

6. Parishioners observations. None.

7. Date for next meeting tba

Signed.

Dated.