

North Rigton Parish Council

Annual Parish Electors Meeting

Thursday 8th May 2014 at the Village School 7.00pm

Minutes of the Meeting

1. Attendance / apologies

- 1.1. Councillors: Tim Bennett, Mary Hopkins (Chairman), Amanda Martyn, Barbara Massey, Jo Scott and Mike Richards (Clerk)
- 1.2. Cllr John Fort (NYCC) and Cllr C Ryder (HBC) in attendance.
- 1.3. One Parishioner (Jo Williams)
- 1.4. Apologies - Andrew Batcup.

2. Minutes of the last meeting and Matters Arising

Chairman went through all issues raised and was pleased to report that corrective action had been taken on all matters as necessary. There were no other matters arising. The minutes were formally accepted as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

3. Annual Accounts – Clerk circulated copies of the Annual Accounts and asked for any questions. He confirmed that the Parish Council's finances were in a healthy state and that the sizeable carry forward balance was planned to cater for future significant expenditure. The Parish Council had considered several potential areas for this expenditure, such as additional exterior play and exercise equipment.
4. Chairman's Report 2013-14 – see attached summary
5. Parish Plan – see attached summary
6. NYCC

Councillor Fort gave a brief outline of the main issues concerning the County Council for the coming year:

- Severe budget cuts in place, some £90m reduction for 2015/16
- Spending is being targeted on people rather than things ie money to be spent on the elderly and health, rather than roads
- Government had pulled out of the 75% funding for the incinerator scheme

- Highway maintenance was an increasing problem, with matters often being made worse by the various utility companies

All in all the next year was going to be one of austerity!

The Chairman thanked John Fort for his presentation.

7. Electors' Questions / Comments

7.1 Concern was expressed over water emissions from the front of the cottages on Rigton Hill. This information will be passed on to the Highway authority for corrective action, as will the poor state of several roads in the Parish, particularly High Moor Road and Church Hill.

7.2 Concern was also expressed over the parking of cars on the pavements around the Square and Compass. This will be brought to the attention of the pub manager in case the culprits are pub staff.

The Chairman thanked all for their attendance and closed the meeting.

Signed

Date

Chairman