

Embleton & District Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Electors Wednesday 20th May 2015 19:00

Present: Councillors Hewitson (chair), Brandwood, Graham, Brown, Richardson, Teasdale, Hind, Wood, Nelson, Wilson

Apologies: Councillor Boardman, Cllr Petecki, A/BC Cllr Tony Annison

Also Present: Becx Carter (Clerk), 3 members of the public (Mr C McGrath, Mr L Lake, Mr G Cooke from the Ruddings)

1. Welcome & Introductions

Cllr A Hewitson welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from the above named people

3. Approval of minutes of last years Annual Parish Meeting (21st May 2014)

Cllr K Brandwood proposed acceptance of these minutes, Cllr Richardson seconded this motion. **Resolved** that the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 21st May 2014 be signed as a true and accurate record.

Action: Clerk to upload the approved minutes to the website.

4. Chairman's Report 1st April 2014-31st March 2015

Cllr A Hewitson read out the below prepared by Cllr R Petecki:

"I thank the Council for continuing support both for me personally in my role as chairman and on behalf of the community for the last year. It is as well to remember every so often that we are volunteers and give up our time in the service of others.

We have had a fairly stable year within the Council and this, together with an effective and enthusiastic approach by our Clerk, has enabled us to progress matters in a timely and professional way.

The procedures relating to how the Council governs itself and operates under standing orders continues to be under review by the sub committee and I thank them for their efforts in improving the way we go about things.

Over the period, I believe the Council has been successful in responding to the concerns brought to its attention and has been proactive in areas which have been appropriate for it to be involved.

The Council has been well represented in any initiatives that are relevant to our community and has taken part in any consultations that affect our area.

It has been successful in promoting the use of the various hotlines in accessing County and Borough services and in focussing these services on the needs of our community.

Our relationship with the National Park is good and we are working more in concert with its Planning Authority who are taking real notice of our wishes as expressed in our Parish Plan when coming to decisions in our area.

It is time to review the Plan and take the opportunity to see how we can improve our relevance to the community we serve, however, I do believe the Council to be representative of the community it serves and that it has a clear, open and transparent approach to its role within it.

I believe we should simplify our procedures by formally amalgamating the wards of Embleton, Setmurthy and Wythop into one Parish Council and avoiding the effort, cost and inconvenience of having three wards for such a small overall community.”

5. Questions and Open Discussion

No matters were raised at this section.

Meeting closed 19:08

Signed.....

Dated.....