

HOTHERSALL PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY 2019

7th May 2019 at The Pavilion, Hothersall Lodge
took place following the Annual General Meeting

MINUTES

1. The 2019 Annual Meeting was opened by new Chairman Cllr Debbie Gale who welcomed the guests: Mrs Deb Groves of Ribchester Parish Council, Ribble Valley & Ward Cllrs Dave Smith & Jim Rogerson & Roy Rigby & Andy Holland from Bowland Pennine Mountain Rescue Team.

Also Present: Cllrs Forrester, Bateman, Gee, Parry, Soper, Thompson & Warren, Parish Clerk & 18 electors.

2. Apologies were received from Ribble Valley Mayor Cllr Stuart Carefoot, Mrs Mabel Armitage & Hothersall Lodge.
3. Minutes of the last Annual Assembly held on Weds 2 May 2018 were confirmed & signed
4. Matters Arising: none
5. The Clerks Report for 2018 – 2019
A summary was given on the work of the PC including finances for 2018/2019, planning applications, highway matters, parish walk, litter pick and the appointment of a new clerk Mrs Deb Groves of Ribchester.
6. Any Other Business
Royal Mail has confirmed that the missing postbox will be replaced in due course.

Update on local Broadband situation from Cllr Maria Gee was given to the meeting. There was strong support among the residents that the council should investigate any feasible options, speak to neighbouring parishes and commence exploratory talks. Cllr Gee agreed to instigate this.

2019 Autumn Parish Walk will be on Sunday 15th Sept, organised by Cllr Parry. Further details will be announced.

Mrs Deb Groves has accepted the position of Hothersall Parish Clerk, working together with Cathy Thompson during the month of May 2019.

Cllr Dave Smith is retiring as RVBC Ward councillor after 29 years. Cllr Smith was thanked for his continued support by retiring Chairman Cllr Forrester. Cllr Bateman stood down after 10 years as a councillor with Hothersall. She was thanked by retiring Chairman Cllr Forrester. Cathy Thompson hands over the duties of Parish Clerk during May 2019 and was thanked by retiring Chairman Cllr Forrester

7. The Annual Talk: Mr Roy Rigby & Andy Holland from Bowland Pennine Mountain Rescue Team gave a fascinating visual presentation on the history and work of this voluntary organisation, including details of the equipment, search dogs and extent of their involvement in emergency situations covering a large part of Lancashire. Cllr Gee thanked Roy & Andy.

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm

Following the business refreshments were enjoyed.

Confirmed as a true record:

Chairman..... Date.....

Clerk.....Date.....