

HOTHERSALL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES of THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY 2017

31st May 2017 at 7.00pm

1. Apologies were received from:

Mayor and Mayoress of Ribble Valley
Cllr Jim Rogerson
Ex resident Alan Hutchinson
Residents: Jane & David Isherwood
Ron & Iris MacDonald
George & Sue Turner
Richard Parry
Patricia Morey

2. The meeting was opened and invited guests were introduced by Chairman Cllr Forrester

Present:

Guests: Cllr David Smith
Mrs. Mabel Armitage
(Note Mrs Anne Hutchinson arrived later in the evening)

Councillors present: Forrester, Parry, Gale, Warren, Thompson,
Bateman & Gee.

There were 20 electors present and 1 non resident.

3. The Minutes of the last Annual Assembly held on Monday 10th Oct 2016 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4. There were no matters arising.

5. Correspondence – a thank you card from Cllr Julie Parry for the flowers presented at the AGM

6. The Clerk's Report October 2016 – May 2017
(short period due to change of date for annual meeting in 2016)

The report included: finance update, planning issues, council & parish clerk vacancy, website & email updates, potholes & flooding issues near Butcher Fold Farm, external meetings & invitations & the successful Daffodil Walk organised by Cllr Bateman. The Council were thanked for their encouragement & great assistance, especially during the past few extraordinary months.

There were no questions from the meeting regarding the Clerk's Report.

7. Any Other Business: Regarding Broadband the meeting was given an update on the work being carried out on behalf of LCC / Hothersall Lodge. Maria Gee advised that this work has put the option of Community Broadband on hold for now. We will look at each option once we have further information from Openreach.

8. Main Business: To gather views on:

- RVBC Local Plan for Ribble Valley 2008-2028
Regulation 19 public consultation (closes 9 June 2017)
- proposed employment development plans at Higher College Farm, Blackburn Road, Hothersall (Mark Hurst)

Mr Rob Hindle was asked to give a summary of the Regulation 19 Consultation.

Regarding comments on the loss of previous potential employment sites in Longridge, Cllr Smith referred to the historical failure of Ribble Valley and Preston Councils to consult regarding their boundaries within the town of Longridge.

Other comments regarding the PC response to Regulation 19 included:

- Making Use of the previously prepared Transport Survey and also the LC Highways response re BKW Planning Application.
- MP Nigel Evans is currently in purdah until after June 8th election
- Soundness of the proposal
- Taylor Wimpey response regarding proximity to Tootle Green housing
- Concerns over traffic / access issues, including Skew Bridge at Grimsargh and access through Ribchester village.
- Possible restriction of use to B1 only.
- Road flooding concerns in the immediate area.
- Loss of good agricultural land.

The meeting concluded at 8.45pm for refreshments

Signed:.....

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