

# HOTHERSALL PARISH COUNCIL

## ANNUAL ASSEMBLY 2018

2<sup>nd</sup> May 2018 at The Pavilion, Hothersall Lodge  
took place following the Annual General Meeting

### MINUTES

1. The 2018 Annual Meeting was opened by Vice Chairman Cllr Debbie Gale who introduced the guests:  
Deputy Mayor and Mayoress of Ribble Valley: Cllrs Stuart Carefoot and Sarah Rainford  
Ribble Valley & Ward Cllrs Dave Smith & Jim Rogerson  
  
Also Present: Cllrs Parry, Bateman, Warren & Thompson, Parish Clerk & 18 electors
2. Apologies. Ribble Valley Mayor & Mrs Mabel Armitage.  
Parish Council Chairman Cllr Ian Forrester & Cllr Maria Gee  
Residents: Mr & Mrs G Rowlandson, Mr & Mrs J Dewhurst, Mr & Mrs J Soper, & Mr & Mrs C Sharples, Mrs Daphne Walker
3. Minutes of the last Annual Assembly held on Weds 31 May 2017 were read & approved
4. Matters Arising: none
5. The Clerks Report for 2017 – 2018  
A summary was give on the work of the PC including finances for 2017/2018, two major planning applications for industrial sites, the increase in precept, P clerk vacancy, flooding & potholes at Butcher Fold & other highway matters and the ongoing matter of the disruption from organised shoots on the lane.
6. Any Other Business  
Update on local Broadband situation from Cllr Maria Gee was read to the meeting. Cllr Rogerson requested inclusion on any future communications regarding broadband.  
Update on situation re Temporary Parish Clerk and future considerations.  
The meeting considered options including the possibility of the councillors taking on various responsibilities, Cllr Carefoot advised that it is not legal for Parish Councillors to also do the work of the Parish Clerk. An approach has been made by HPC Chairman to Ribchester PC Chairman about the feasibility of an amalgamation with Ribchester Parish Council.  
Cllr Thompson pointed out that the majority of the work of HPC was to comply with regulations more applicable to larger councils. Discussion followed regarding disbanding the PC and meeting as a less formal residents association.  
The alternative formal Parish Meetings would still require a clerk.  
  
It was agreed that the councillors should explore the options and legal situation going forward.

Any Other Business (continued)

The Clerk was presented with a bouquet of flowers as a thank you.

The new Data Protection Regulations were explained to the meeting and all residents who have advised their email address will be contacted for their permission to remain on HPC database.

The kind offer of use of the marquee & garden at the home of Mr & Mrs Soper on 1 July 2018 has been reluctantly turned down due to some councillors having other commitments on that day.

Cllr Bateman is organising a walk via Ribchester on Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Sept from Butcher Fold yard.

7. The Annual Talk: Mr John Ball from Lancashire Wildlife Trust on Brockholes Nature Reserve gave a fascinating visual presentation on the local history, construction and management of the site.  
Cllr Thompson thanked Mr Ball.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Following the business refreshments were enjoyed.

**Confirmed as a true record:**

**Chairman..... Date.....**

**Clerk.....Date.....**