

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE ELECTORS AND RUDBY AND SKUTTERSKEFFE HELD
ON MONDAY, 8 APRIL 2019 AT 7.00 PM IN THE CHAPEL SCHOOLROOM**

Present: Councillor Mr S Cosgrove (Chairman) Councillors Mesdames Medlock and Foden, Messrs N Bennington, J Nelson, R Readman and N Thompson

District Councillor Mrs B Fortune County Councillor Mr D Hugill

6 members of the public

1. An apology for absence was received from Councillor M Jones.
2. The minutes of last year's meeting were available at the meeting. They had been approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
3. There were no matters arising.
4. The audited accounts for the financial year ended March 2018 were available at the meeting for inspection.
5. Copies of the Chairman's Annual Report were available at the meeting and it will be posted on the website. www.rudbyparishcouncil.org.uk
6. **Annual Reports from County and District Councillors**

County Councillor Mr Hugill said the County Council had kept the Council Tax as low as possible. Spending has been reduced by about 40%. The County Council has got rid of inefficient buildings. The work force has been reduced with only a few compulsory redundancies. An example of an in house business is NYNET. There has been investment in care facilities and more money has been spent on roads. The County has a huge network of roads. A lot of street lights have been replaced with LED lights and there has been an increased roll out of high speed broadband. The Investing in Stronger Communities is going well. He has used his budget to provide the gate at the end of Sexhow Lane, changing the footpath sign at Middleton and this year hopefully the white lining will be done. Big projects are being undertaken such as the widening of Tanton Bridge. The Allerton Waste Recovery Park is working efficiently and effectively. Our schools are still top class. Children's Services were judged as outstanding by OFSTED. Sometimes the County Council's communication is not great especially with road works. It will get better. County Councillor Mr Hugill said he had enjoyed working with the Council and with Mark Jones. He expressed his thanks to Mark for his chairmanship and found him easy to get on with.

District Councillor Mrs Fortune said firstly she must thank the Councillors for the work they have done this past year, some of whom have given many years of service doing everything from litter picking; traffic calming; Village Event; a safe Fireworks Display; the Christmas tree and supporting the Neighbourhood Plan. Without the members, many of whom have used their personal friends and family to assist, many of these things would certainly struggle. She thanked Councillors Cosgrove, Jones and Readman for doing a lot of the manual work (a young man's job) on the riverpath and for securing land for future burials. It is pleasing to know that the Village Event will be on again – but I am relieved that it is mainly for children – social media spoiled the evening activities with mini buses bringing people in from far and wide. We were not holding a rave or a

party in the park. It is a Village Event for village people and their friends and families. The Firework celebrations were spectacular this year and the safety record was maintained. Very well done to you all for arranging and putting this on. The Christmas tree has never looked as pretty as it did this year. The “putting it up cabaret” was no less amusing as other years. Thank you. I wonder if our new Parish Councillors will have as much time, energy and enthusiasm to ensure the village is not robbed of these events? Councillor Doreen Medlock has discreetly got on with her responsibilities. It is sad that she is retiring but we must give her big thanks and hope she will continue to support us where she feels she can. Thank you Doreen. In fact, thanks to all our Councillors and volunteers. The village needs you to make things happen. The Neighbourhood Plan has taken up a lot of people’s time and the Steering Group, led by Allan Mortimer, has to date done a grand job but over £11,000 is a lot of many spent on this project. It is now heading towards completion. It will go through a consultation period and then later for approval and adoption. It is all very complex and very emotive focusing largely on planning and sites at present. We must remember that there is still an identified need for homes in Hutton Rudby (our Housing Need survey showed this) and without any new homes there will be no 106/CIL money, this is only paid if houses are built. This is a shame as the village will then start to stagnate and it was one of the reasons the Neighbourhood Plan was started in the first place. I have yet to see evidence of the social aspects being considered such as more allotments and increased leisure/sports facilities being undertaken but maybe this is yet to be done but congratulations on the work so far. Our first responders and the defibrillators are a very reassuring asset to Hutton Rudby – again thank you to those volunteers. The Hub continues to thrive. It is a popular place, which is good, but I wish more people would walk to it. At times the parking is diabolical and it would be tragic if there was an accident caused by bad parking. We have many clubs and activities in this village, run by volunteers, they are the backbone of our village and should be applauded for their willingness and the work they do whether you use the service or not. As your current District Councillor I have done my best to give a quality service to the Parish. I have found funding where needed and try to make sure we do not miss out on any benefits that may be available. I take planning and enforcement very seriously and have striven to be fair, firm and honest in all my actions. So thanks to you all and the volunteers and an even bigger thank you to those stepping down.

7. There was no annual report received from the Police.

8. **Views and comments from Parishioners**

None.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.15 pm.