

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE PARISH OF MIDDLETON-ON-LEVEN
HELD ON TUESDAY, 2 APRIL 2019 AT 7.00 PM IN LEVEN COTTAGE

Present: Councillor Mr S Cosgrove (Chairman) Councillor Mr R Readman

District Councillor Mrs B Fortune. County Councillor Mr D Hugill

4 members of the public

1. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs M Gotts and Mr & Mrs M Young.
2. Copies of the minutes of last year's meeting were available at the meeting. They had been signed as a correct record.
3. **Matters Arising**

A resident had asked if a mirror could be provided at the top of the road to aid visibility. The County Council cannot approve the use of mirrors as the Government does not recognise them as a method of road safety.

4. No Police Report was received.
5. **Finance.** The audited accounts for the year ended March 2018 were available at the meeting.
6. Copies of the Chairman's Annual Report were provided at the meeting and will be put on the website www.rudbyparishcouncil.org.uk
7. **Annual Report from County and District Councillors**

County Councillor Mr Hugill said he had noticed that the footpath sign had still not been altered and will be speaking to Highways about this. There should be two waymarkers on the one post. There are sometimes challenges getting things done. He sits on the Planning Committee of the County Council. Tanton Bridge is going to be widened. A resident asked who paid when the bridge was damaged. County Councillor Mr Hugill said it is usually the person's insurance if we can find out who has done the damage. The widening will be a 6 months' project. Some say it will encourage more traffic. The policy is changing at NYCC so that it will make it easier to install vehicular activated speed signs (VAS). A resident said there have been accidents at the junction. A resident said the stretch of Middleton Road to Weary Bank turn off is in a dreadful state with huge potholes. County Councillor Mr Hugill recommended that reports are made to the County and if they fit the criteria they will mend them. He said Twitter can be used to make reports. District Councillor Mrs Fortune thanked County Councillor Hugill for helping provide the gate to the Church. A resident said at long last the light at the top of the village was repaired and is now on. County Councillor Mr Hugill said if you have any issues with broadband go on the NYNET website. A resident said the County Council had installed pin kerbs and reseeded the verge but a few days later a huge lorry came down and ruined it.

District Councillor Mrs Fortune said it is good to come to such a tranquil village. As your District Councillor I keep my ear to the ground to see if there are ways that I can help the Parish/villages, but

Middleton asks for so little. The Community seems to look after itself. She was glad to see the dog walkers were being more responsible. You will have all had your Council Tax notices. If you look at the pie chart you will see that Hambleton has tried to keep things as low as it can without cutting any of its services. More and more Hambleton is looking to be self sufficient as the grants and funding from central Government get less and less so to be able to manage with any funding at all is one of the tasks we have set ourselves. The Council has had some fabulous achievements last year from sports awards, disability/ability champion sports people. Our Leisure Centre at Northallerton was ranked 4th best in the UK, with all of the others achieving gold awards. Our Community Investment programme is set to help keep our market towns alive and vibrant which in this day and age is a huge task. I would like to thank the Parish Councillors for their support and to say it has been a pleasure working with them. I can say it has been a good 4 years and I would hope you would like to have me represent you once again. Thank you for your support for the last 16 years.

People have put up mirrors on their own property to aid visibility at bad junctions but you could be liable if an accident is caused by it. A resident said the incidence of dog fouling is reducing. He also spoke about funding from the European Regional Development Fund which had funded a lot of projects for urban renewal. District Councillor Mrs Fortune said her biggest worry was if we become One Yorkshire as all the money will go to the urban environment.

8. **Views and Comments from Parishioners.**

District Councillor Mrs Fortune suggested the village should have a defibrillator. A resident said that there was a lot of children in the village and asked if there was any chance of getting another piece of equipment for the play park. District Councillor Mrs Fortune said if Middleton raised some money towards it they could then apply for a Make A Difference grant. You will have to research what you want, how much it costs and what you could put towards the cost. A resident asked where he could find copies of the village drainage system. District Councillor Mrs Fortune gave him the name of a contact at HDC.

Councillor Readman was thanked for his hospitality.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.55 pm.