

Minutes of the Annual Assembly of the Rothbury Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 14th May 2008 in the Jubilee Hall Rothbury commencing 7.15pm

Those Present: Coun. Reynolds (Chairman), Mrs Dawson, Mrs Edes, Fendley, Dawson, Gilson, Murray, Sandford & the Clerk
Coun. Bridgett - NCC

Apologies: Coun. Mrs Morton

Member of the public: Alistair Costley

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Coun. Reynolds read out his Chairman's report covering activities over the past year as detailed below:

- Code of Conduct for PC's adopted
- Thanks given to all who played a full part and debated throughout the year.
- All councillors were provided with a definitive street map of Rothbury.
- Congratulations to Coun. Dawson for his Chairmanship at Alwick and Stephen Bridgett, also thanks to Sue Bolam for her support over the years, and to the clerk
- New self employed handymen employed and it was sad to note the early death of Amanda Boyce - a member of the PC had been able to attend the funeral in Scotland.
- At year end the bank balance was £14K, expenditure being £14K, with income £17K, with regular meetings held throughout the year to discuss finance.
- Precept had been raised by 3% and funding given to various organisations.
- PC were involved in many campaigns, eg traffic calming, parking, pedestrian crossings, seeking improvements to street lighting, pushing for recycling, cycle path.
- First Ten Year plan objectives have been achieved.
- PC have dealt with public concerns, met regularly with Addycombe developers, and a host of regular responsibilities, eg, transport, play area, recreational areas, village greens registration looked at
- Ongoing works being keeping the village clean and tidy, requesting action on derelict buildings, dog bins provided, additional plants and bulbs purchased, arrangements made for war memorial repair, broken manholes/blocked drains monitored, improvements to Jacob's ladder, stepping stones, Beggar's Rigg, riverside path.
- PC have presented their views to ADC Development Control on planning matters, and play a leading role in shared burial facilities for the Coquet valley, and deal with administration and queries of allotments.
- PC have agreed new arrangement for clock repairs and maintenance.
- Regular seat maintenance and work on cherry trees carried out.
- Closed churchyards to be cut on a more regular basis.
- PC have provided work experience for a local student.
- Acted as a banker for the Coquetdale Local Action Group.

■ Attended the Police Forums and worked with the youth project. Coun. Sandford commented the Youth Project is a stand alone constitution with its own trustees, although the original idea came through the Ten Year Plan. Coun. Gilson does not understand Sue Bolam's position - Coun. Dawson explained the unitary authority comes into being next Spring, but a transitional procedure is now in place with Steven Bridgett elected county councillor. Coun. Fendley complemented Coun. Reynolds on his report, Coun. Murray said as people are not aware of the PC's activities should the report not be widely publicised, Coun. Reynolds thought a condensed version could be put in Bridge's. Coun. Sandford thought it should go out in its entirety, Coun. Gilson said with the lack of understanding and interest of the general public, this report would be beneficial, Coun. Reynolds to talk to Bridge's personnel. Coun. Murray asked if it could be put in the minutes, as via the web-site persons' are taking an interest in the online version.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There being no other business the 2008 Annual Assembly closed.

Claire Miller, Clerk to Council

The meeting finished at 7.30pm.

The 2008 Annual Assembly will be held on Wednesday 20th May 2009 in the Jubilee Hall commencing 7.15 pm

Agenda

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting
3. Matters Arising
4. Chairman's Report
5. Any Other business