

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE ELECTORS  
OF POTTO HELD ON MONDAY, 20 APRIL 2015 AT 7.15 PM  
IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Councillor Mr A Wilde (Chairman), Councillor Mrs V Williams, Councillor Mr C Courtman-Stock, District Councillor Mr D Hugill and County Councillor Mr T Swales.

Apologies for absence were received from: Councillor Mrs E Griffin, Councillor Mr S Agar and District Councillor Mrs B Fortune.

The minutes of last year's meeting had been signed as a correct record on 28 April 2014.

**Matters Arising from the Minutes**

None.

**Police Report and Neighbourhood Watch**

The PCSO attended and presented the following report:

Over the last month the following incidents have been reported –

30/03/2015 – Report of suspicious activities off Cooper Lane, Potto, lights were reported in fields. Police attended but no one was found at the location.

02/04/2015 – Report of the theft of Paraffin heaters in Potto. Police attend with negative gain from enquirers made.

**OTHER BUSINESS –**

PLEASE BE AWARE OVER THE LAST MONTH WE HAVE RECEIVED CALLS FOR 12 BURGLARIES FROM FARM PROPERTIES.

We urge all residents to keep buildings and outbuildings safe and secure at all times. PLEASE report any suspicious activity or vehicles to us on 101.

**Financial Statement**

- A statement of accounts for the year ended 31 March 2015 was presented by the Financial Officer as of the end of the financial year PPC had an income of £3970 and an expenditure of £6195, the reserves are currently £4254 which included £3000 for Election contingency, all expenditure was included in the budget.
- A discussion on potential village projects for the coming year ensued.
- Roger Briesley has kindly agreed to carry out the internal audit again this year.

### **Chairman's Report**

The Chairman read out his annual report. A copy will be circulated to councillors and posted on the website.

### **Annual Reports from County and District Councillors**

County Councillor Mr T Swales reported that the North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) has saved £96,000 over the past year, unfortunately this has meant a loss in staff. There is another £74,000 to be saved this next financial year.

There has been a consultation between 3 local schools (Osmotherley, Swainby and Ingleby Arncliffe) with a view to combining them into one organisation to try keep all 3 open, this is including sharing a school name (Mount Grace federation) and uniform.

There are still 72 county councillors in North Yorkshire.

PPC has agreed with NYCC to take responsibility for the verge grass cutting in the urban areas of Potto, the PPC will receive £160 p/a, this is seen as the start of more services being devolved to local parish councils.

### **Village Hall**

The Village Hall Committee AGM will be held on 11 May 2015.

AGM CLOSED 7.45PM