

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE ELECTORS
OF POTTO HELD ON MONDAY, 20 APRIL 2016 AT 7.15 PM
IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Councillor Mr A Wilde (Chairman), Councillor Mr S Agar, Councillor Mrs E Griffin, Councillor Mr I Macpherson and District Councillor Mr D Hugill.

Apologies for absence were received from: Councillor Mrs V Williams and County Councillor Mr T Swales

The minutes of last year's meeting had been signed as a correct record on 20 April 2015.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

None.

Police Report and Neighbourhood Watch

Report from PCSO Peter Lewis at Stokesley Police;
2 reports of suspicious activity reported to North Yorkshire Police. Both were sightings of 2 separate cars on different dates driving slowly through the village looking at properties. No vehicle registrations were obtained, resulting in no leads to follow up.

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 2016 was presented by the Financial Officer. The accounts were approved for forwarding to the internal auditor.

Roger Briesley has kindly agreed to carry out the internal audit again this year.

The annual return for the financial year 2014 / 2015 is still under review by the external auditors due to a complaint by a member of the public.

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

District Councillor Mr D Hugill informed the council that due to the restructuring there are now only 28 district councillors, when there used to be 44. He informed the council of the retirement of their Chief Executive, which will save Hambleton District Council a larger amount of money as it is not planned to replace him, his role will be reallocated.

Planning applications and how councils are changing was discussed and how Parish Councils we will become more involved with them.

District Councillor Hugill discussed the new recycling scheme which has now been fully rolled out.

District Councillor Hugill said that he is very impressed with the local villagers in Potto, and it is good to see that they are happy to help and get involved with projects throughout the village.

Village Hall

The Village Hall Committee AGM will be held on 4th May 2015.

Correspondence

An email was received from a member of the public, this was discussed by Councillors and a response will be issued by the Parish Council.

AGM CLOSED 7.45PM