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Minutes of Annual Assembly – March 21st 2013, held in the Robinson Institute, Glaisdale

Cllrs Present : SW Thompson (Chair); R Norris ; P Thurlow ; C Pearson ; M Foord ; N Hopwood. C/Cllr WH Tindall.

Apologies :

Three electors present – Mr JL Thompson, Mrs J Hunt, Mr T Lister

Minutes of previous meeting were presented, agreed and signed as a true record.

Matters arising from the minutes :

1 Lealholm flooding issues.

Mrs J Hunt informed those present that the flooding experienced at Lealholm in the latter part of 2012 was only prevented from causing serious damage to properties in the village centre by the last minute arrival of sandbags from Scarborough Borough Council. The sandbags had been promised for some time by SBC and were finally delivered only after some urgent action was taken to contact the engineers/suppliers directly. The long awaited building for the future storage of the sandbags was finally delivered and set into position.

The present sandbag situation is as follows :

- Some **30** or so of the original **100** bags have been returned to the store for future use.
- The remaining **70** bags have still not been returned after use by residents.

Mrs Hunt asked what could be done to prompt those still in possession of the sandbags to return them to the store to be available for future use. It was agreed that some publicity should be given to the return of the bags and the Clerk is to arrange for some notices to be posted in the village to prompt those still in possession of any bags.

Signed as a true record : .....(Chairman)

DATE : .....

Chairmans' Report :-

Welcome to the Annual Assembly of your Parish Council.

In the last year we have held our usual 10 meetings, all of which have been well attended by all members. Our County and Borough Councillors regularly attend our meetings and we are grateful for their support. Unfortunately Councillor Karen MacDonald resigned in January due to family commitments and we are seeking a new candidate to replace her. We thank her for her contribution to the council and community.

The main issues for the past year have been a visit from York Potash regarding the proposed pipeline which crosses part of our parish and a new store for sandbags for Lealholm has been supplied.

I would like to thank my fellow councillors for their help and support throughout the year and our very efficient clerk, Dave Palmer for all his hard work. Also Herbert Tindall, our County/Borough Councillor and Tim Lawn, our District Councillor who have both attended whenever possible.

Finally I would like to thank our local PCSO for attending and providing us with regular updates of what is happening in our community.

Thank you.

1. County / Borough Councillors' Reports.

District Cllr: Cllr T Lawn has recently resigned his position on SBC and NYMNPA and there is currently no representative for the Esk Valley area until new elections are held, consequently no report was heard.

Cllr WH Tindall : Cllr Tindall reported on some statistics regarding local highways issues and current provision for the urgent repairs needed as a result of damage sustained during recent winter conditions and prior work outstanding.

There is a total in excess of £300k set aside for completing these works and the comment was made that much of this work could have been averted by proper maintenance of the drainage systems along much of the rural road system which has suffered neglect over a number of years.

It was revealed that Castleton and Glaisdale primary schools have been officially 'Federated' and are supervised by a single head teacher. Members noted that the geographic differences made this federation somewhat unusual and that a different arrangement would have made more sense (ie Glaisdale/Lealholm, or Glaisdale/Danby for eg.) but members also understood the reasons in which circumstances dictated the present arrangement.

The cuts in the schools budgets resulting from recent local authority spending reviews would seem to have fallen most heavily upon rural schools and this is seen as being very unfair and discriminatory.

Cllr Tindall ended his report by thanking Councillors for their support over the past year and informing members that he will not be standing for re-election as NYCC councillor in May. Consequently, from May onwards, there will be a new councillor representing the interests of our community at NYCC.

The chairman thanked Cllr Tindall for his help and support over the past years and offered our best wishes for the future.

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2. Matters raised by electors.

- Mr T Lister queried the figures which NYCC have published regarding the usage of the previous mobile library service by residents of Glaisdale, figures which will have impacted upon the decision to discontinue this provision with the new mobile library. Mr Lister did not think that the figures quoted were accurate and nor should a single sample of usage have been taken as representative of normal activity.
  Cllr Tindall indicated that the usage figures were only one aspect of the decision process which was primarily a financial expediency and it may be possible to include Glaisdale in the new mobile library service schedule at some time in the future providing a higher level of usage can be guaranteed.

The chairman thanked those present for attending and closed the Assembly at 19.20hrs.

Financial Statement : (Financial Year 2012/13 to Date)

Balance B/F	**: £ 10669.64**
Income	**: £ 10993.96**
Expenditure	**: £ 10802.48**
Balance	**: £ 10861.12**
Balance (All accounts)	**: £ 11180.72**

Signed as a true record : .....(Chairman)

DATE : .....