



KILLINGHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Annual Assembly held on Monday 3 April 2023 at 8pm in the
Methodist Church, Ripon Road, Killinghall

Introduction and welcome from the Chair and Acting Clerk, Cllr Anne Holdsworth.

1 Attendance and Apologies

Present: Cllrs Anne Holdsworth, John Moretta, Andrea Beal, Margaret Donnelly and Christopher Dunn, District Councillor Michael Harrison, PC Moore, PSCO Johnson, 4 members of the public.

2 Minutes of meeting held April 2022

The minutes were approved in May 2022 but unfortunately a copy was not available due to records being unavailable to the council as our Clerk is currently away on sick leave.

3 Welcome by the Chairman

Cllr Anne Holdsworth welcomed all in attendance and thanked them for taking an interest in the Parish Council.

4 Presentation of Annual Report 2022/23

(A copy attached to the minute book)

5 Introduction of our newly appointed PCSO for our Community.

Our new PCSO could not be in attendance as she was on a training course. However PC Moore and PSCO Johnson attended as representatives. They advised that PCSO Jessica Harby would take up her post on Saturday 8th April. She is enthusiastic and keen to get started. Her area covers Killinghall, Beckwithshaw and Hampsthwaite. She will patrol the area on foot and be a visible presence within the village.

PC Moore advised that crime in the Killinghall area was one of the lowest in the district (making up only 1% of all crime in the Harrogate district) and crime rates had fallen this year. Figures given - March 21 to February 22 – 153 crimes reported. March 22 to February 23 – 138 crimes reported. The majority of this crime comes under the heading of Violent Crime which includes domestic abuse incidents.

5 Update on newly formed North Yorkshire Council by Cllr Michael Harrison

The new authority came into effect on 1st April 2023. Streamlining and efficiency is one of the key targets of the new council. Budgets are a challenge as there is currently a deficit. However, some support has been announced by the government for things such as leisure centres, potholes etc.

There will be 6 area constituency committees and 25 + community networks. Devolution next year will see the election of a North Yorkshire mayor and a York mayor.

Some large local projects have been started such as Kex Gill (£56m project) and the refurbishment of the Hydro Leisure Centre.

6 Public Session

A member of the public asked PC Moore whether PCSO Harby would be in contact with the school. He advised that although the school has a dedicated School Liaison Officer (PCSO Martin Powell) PCSO Harby would also be involved with the school. The member of public felt that this was important so the children of the village are familiar with their PCSO and make her more approachable out of school should they need to speak to her.

A member of the public asked PC Moore whether nitrous oxide (also known as laughing gas) was a problem. He asked as he had found canisters last year in the Glebe. PC Moore reported that this was not a huge problem at the moment. Laws around nitrous oxide are changing soon and this may also have an impact on their use. He would encourage residents to report any canisters they find to the police.

Cllr Beal advised PC Moore that the council are trying to put together a list of contacts for residents to report incidents, particularly those relating to traffic incidents such as illegal parking, speeding and traffic running red lights. PC Moore advised that the police have limited powers when it comes to parking. They can intervene if parked traffic is causing an obstruction or a safety issue.

Cllr Dunn advised PC Moore that there are a number of sites in the village where drug use is clearly happening and asked for this information to be passed to PCSO Harby. Shoplifting in the TESCO shop is also an issue which the police are aware of and they do make regular visits.

A member of the public asked if the wards under the Parish Council are on the website along with the vacancies. Cllr Beal advised that the wards are detailed but the individual vacancies applicable to each are not. The PC can look at adding this.

A member of the public asked if a dog waste bin could be installed on Crag Lane. Cllr Harrison advised that whereas our previous requests had always been refused, there was perhaps sufficient budget for this now to be considered. He will make enquiries and advise.

7 Close of meeting

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

This meeting was scheduled to be an integral part of the Killinghall Parish Council Meeting scheduled to commence at 7pm which then adjourned to allow the Annual Assembly to take place at 8pm (see separate agenda)