

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE ELECTORS OF
POTTO HELD ON MONDAY, 21 APRIL 2008 AT 7.15 PM IN THE
VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Councillor Mr A Wilde (Chairman) Councillors N Walters and G Woodhouse

County Councillor Mr T Swales

6 members of the public

1. An apology for absence was received from District Councillor Mrs B Fortune who was unwell.
2. The minutes of last year's meeting had been circulated and had been agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman at the Council's meeting on 21 May 2007.
3. There were no matters arising from the minutes.
4. **Police and Neighbourhood Watch Report.**

There was no Neighbourhood Watch report. The Chairman had put together this year's crime statistics for our area together with the previous year. They made an interesting picture as the trend is towards higher crime levels. The Potto area statistics include Crathorne, East Rounton, Hutton Rudby, Picton, Rudby, Skutterskelfe, East and West Rounton, Middleton on Leven and Appleton Wiske. The Chairman thought that the trend was something the Parish Council need to take up with the Police. The Parish Council had brought the matter up at the District Council Liaison meeting and the Police said Potto has relatively low crime.

5. Finance

The Clerk had prepared the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2008. Copies had been circulated to Councillors and were available at the meeting. There were no queries and the meeting accepted the accounts.

County Councillor Swales joined the meeting.

6. Chairman's Annual Report

The Chairman read out his report. Copies are available.

7. Annual Report from County Councillor Mr T Swales

County Councillor Mr Swales said if there is anything that he can do please get in touch rather than wait for the next Parish Council meeting. He was shown the crime statistics and said we live in a good area but we have to look after ourselves and be vigilant. He was aware that the Stokesley area had struggled due to having less staff. The Chairman said we were told that patrols are carried out between 11 pm and 3 am because this is the time when burglaries take place in our area.

8. Village Hall

The Chairman's report is not due until the AGM which will be held next month. The Committee is doing a tremendous job.

9. Views and Comments of Parishioners

Mrs McAndrew voiced her concern about the planning application at the Dog & Gun and the car parking that is available. She was sure there would be parking on the road side. She asked how the noise was going to be contained as patrons are outside more because of the smoking ban. She thought there should be limitations on what can be done in a village and that it would impact also on the rest of the village. The Chairman noted her comments and said that as the planning application will be discussed at the Parish Council meeting to be held after this meeting, further comments will be held over until then.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.40 pm.