

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE ELECTORS OF
POTTO HELD ON MONDAY, 19 APRIL 2010 AT 7.15 PM IN THE
VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Councillor Mr A Wilde (Chairman) Councillors Mesdames D Hardy and E Griffin, Messrs N Walters and G Woodhouse

County Councillor Mr T Swales

District Councillor Mrs Fortune

PC Henderson

6 members of the public

1. There were no apologies for absence.
2. The minutes of last year's meeting had been agreed and signed on the 18 May 2009.
3. **Matters Arising from last year's minutes**

Items discussed had been road works on the A19, tree planting in the Parish and the Village Hall.

4. Police and Neighbourhood Watch Report

PC Henderson said the crime statistics cover the Rudby Ward which is a large area. There has only been 1 crime in Potto this year, two tractors stolen in March. Councillor Woodhouse asked how often there is a foot patrol through the village. PC Henderson said mobile patrols are the usual because of the area to cover. There is a team of four PCSOs who rotate around the villages on foot. There are two problem solvers PC M Macfarlane and PC G Jones and PC Henderson will send an e mail to ask about foot patrols. The Chairman said we have a very good and effective Neighbourhood Watch. We have had issues with speeding although there are 30 mph signs in the village. We have had the speed matrix and that was quite useful. PC Henderson said officers will in the future be trained in the use of speed guns. The Chairman thanked PC Henderson who then left the meeting.

5. Financial Statement

The Clerk had prepared the year-end accounts and copies were available at the meeting. The Chairman went through the figures. There were no questions from the meeting.

6. Chairman's Annual Report

The Chairman read his report a copy of which will be posted on the Potto website. Councillor Walters, on behalf of the Parish Council and the Parish, thanked the Chairman for his Chairmanship over the last twelve months.

7. Annual Reports of County and District Councillors

District Councillor Mrs Fortune said she took her responsibility as our District Councillor very seriously indeed and whatever she has been asked to provide she has done so this year or found someone who was able to do so. A big step forward has been made on the flooding. The District Council did their best during the spell of

severe weather. She was pleased to see the new trees growing in the hedgerows. She was glad that the Parish Council took advisory training on planning.

County Councillor Mr Swales said there were problems with the winter gritting and the Parish Council had received a reply to their letter to the County Council. It is hoped to arrange a meeting with Chairman and Clerks of Parish Councils with Highways to arrange how to work together in putting a ton of salt at a time in Parishes for volunteers to use as needed. If there are any bad patches in the roads, potholes, etc. please notify Highways. Running repairs have been done. You have been awaiting a new street light for two years but Government have cut funding by 50% and it is unlikely at the present time that one will be installed. A consultation is being launched on bus services. Swainby School has been confederated with Osmotherley. 95Alive have now taken over responsibility for the matrix cameras.

Mr Moore said that a number of new street lights have appeared in Potto near the old ones. County Councillor Mr Swales said they are replacing the concrete ones because of safety reasons. Mr Moore said he is a Governor of Swainby School and both Swainby and Osmotherley have recently had an Ofsted inspection which rated them as good. Small schools have problems due to the small number of pupils but we have a thriving school system which appears to be working well. On Goulton Lane on the last bend there is a drain right on the corner which floods. Councillor Hardy said she had seen Highways there recently cleaning it out.

8. Village Hall

The AGM of the Management Committee will be held at the end of the month. There is £5,235 in the Reserve Account and £7,335 in the Current Account. The outside works cost £3,000. There is a full programme of events for the year. The Committee put a lot of effort into what they do and they deserve our thanks. The Hall is our largest asset and it is good to see it being used.

9. Views and Comments from Parishioners

Mr Hooper said he was disappointed that Northumbrian Water representatives have not turned up to the meeting as promised and not informed us why. A meeting had been held with the Environment Agency and discussions took place on the beck which are on-going. Mr Hooper had sent a copy of the minutes to the Parish Council. The group would like an introduction as to who is responsible at Hambleton District Council for surface water drains and stells to get discussions going. The Environment Agency hopes to provide feedback by the end of May. Problems with the drains are running at one a month. It seems to be a capacity issue. The Chairman said he was encouraged when reading the minutes. District Councillor Mrs Fortune said Clive Thornton is the contact at the District Council. He was going to come out to Potto but when Northumbrian Water and the Environment Agency became involved he decided to wait and see what they did. She will contact him tomorrow. He will be willing to come along and see what he can do to help. Mr Hooper said in 2003/4 Hambleton District Council did a study in the village on flooding. District Councillor Mrs Fortune said she would check this out. The Chairman said mention had been made of funding for a community project and District Councillor Mrs Fortune said she would contact Mr Cole from the District Council. He will want to come and talk to you on how to make it a community project. Mr Moore said the group would appreciate the opportunity to explain how the situation has been addressed so far.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.00 pm.