

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF
KILLINGHALL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 2 MAY 2007 AT 8P.M**

1. **Present:** Cllrs Mrs A. Holdsworth (Chairman), Mrs Janet Hall, Mr J Stancombe, Mr Colin Waite, Mrs V Blackburn, Mrs Kerry Hall, Mr Michael Harrison, Mr Gordon Bellerby, Mrs Joyce Creeney (Clerk).
2. **Apologies** – Tony Clarkson
3. **Minutes of Annual Assembly of 3 May 2006** – these were approved and signed.
4. **Chairman's Report**

As I stated last year at the beginning of my report - I repeat that in no particular order I would just like to briefly comment on a few points we have dealt with over the last 12 months. I apologise if I have omitted anything which fellow councillors believe I should have mentioned but hopefully they will draw any omitted matters to my attention. As you will gather, my report is not prepared with any assistance or agreements – it is a lone event.

The issue of TRAFFIC CALMING continues to be of concern – it is now over 2 years since a list of measures were put forward. All have yet to be completed. We are advised that plans for matrix signs are in the pipe line with other measures and more recently the notice of proposed 30mph for Grainbeck Lane has been displayed. The request for a weight limit on Otley Road has also started to receive consideration. A start – but a slow one. Others highway matters have been brought to the attention of the NYCC and these include the very poor state of highway directional signs.

The condition and use of CHURCH LANE continues to be a question put many times. During the last year there has been a significant increase in access by horses and their riders despite the fact that it is not designated as a bridleway. Unfortunately disputes have been reported. The ongoing misuse of Church Lane has, over many years, has been drawn to the attention of the NYCC. During the last 2 weeks I have received confirmation from NYCC that they are now looking into this matter – this was a response to my contact made in early in February 2007. Local government moves slowly! The condition of the lane remains a disappointment, however until the question of misuse is resolved there is little point in expending funds on surfacing which, in itself, is proving to be a major undertaking. However, your Councillors are ever vigilant of the need for improvements.

THE GLEBE Management committee has continued to meet following its inaugural meeting in June 2006. Since when it has supported the offer to install bird boxes funded by fund raising projects in the village. Earlier in the year following an announcement to formally introduce a Dog Ban – agreement was reached and a Dog Ban Order was signed in March with a view to the Ban taking effect on 1st May, albeit Cllrs agreed that a one month's amnesty be granted. I am very proud to be associated with the success of the now well used and much appreciated provision of a recreational area within the village. Long may it continue.

Our thanks to those who continue to protect and embellish with flowers the area around our WAR MEMORIAL – again our Remembrance day services are enhanced by the colourful backdrop – just a pity about the traffic!

Unfortunately the audit for 2005/6 has not been resolved due to administrative difficulties. Hopefully this will be finalised during the next few weeks. However, we have continued to make donations to the Church, Chapel and Village Hall and more recently contributed to the funding of replacement notice boards at the Village Hall. I feel sure you will all agree that they are very smart and compliment the building very well.

During the last year representation on various bodies and attendance at meetings has been undertaken by Janet Hall, Ray Forward, Colin Waite, Jack Stancombe and I. These bodies include the Army Foundation College, the Village Hall Trust, the Yorkshire Association of Local Councils, and at County and District Level and CPRE.

Membership of Killinghall Parish Council has changed.

Sadly, during the year we have lost Ray Forward. He died in September 2006 and Ian Munro left the Parish for pastures new in Scotland. Since this time, we have welcomed co-opted member Mrs Val Blackburn to represent Killinghall Moor Ward and last but not least, we have welcomed our New Clerk – Mrs Joyce Creeney who succeeded Mrs Sue Simpson. Joyce is a resident of Killinghall.

(For those who are not aware I think I should advise you who represents the two wards which make up Killinghall Parish Council: Michael Harrison, Janet Hall and Val Blackburn represent Killinghall Moor Ward; Anne Holdsworth, Colin Waite, Tony Clarkson, Gordon Bellerby, Kerry Hall and Jack Stancombe represent Killinghall [village] Ward.)

Last year I reported that we had made observations and put our views forward on the Local Development Framework – the 10 year plan for our District. The next round of consultations has been delayed and therefore we are unable to report on the progress of proposals by Harrogate Borough Council. The anticipated round of consultation we expect will include further proposals for revisions to planning policies, land allocation, business development, road improvements, transport, etc. So again, sorry to repeat myself but it is a 'watch this space' situation. Any major proposals affecting our Parish will, I am sure, be flagged up on our web site.

Planning applications receiving consideration by us are increasing – we are consulted by Harrogate Borough Council with a view to providing a statement as to whether we object or have observations using our local knowledge. This is all done using Planning Policy Guidelines.

The introduction of the Parish Council newsletter, the first issue delivered to everyone in the Parish during last autumn – was well received with many complimentary comments. The success of the publication is due to the sterling efforts of its Editor – Colin Waite, and graphic expertise of Jack Stancombe.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that there is currently a vacancy for a representative of Killinghall Moor Ward and nominations can be put in writing to the Clerk or me. Our meetings are monthly – they can be lengthy – but it doesn't take long for new members to discover the eagerness and enthusiasm of their fellow councillors who all have a great deal of input – innovative and imaginative for the good of their Parish. My sincere thanks to them all for their support and I wish them all well and good luck for the administrative year of 2007/8.

Cllr Holdsworth was thanked for her report by all attending.

5. **Questions from the public** – only one person attended and joined in with the discussions as follows:-

Permanent Matrix Signs – no developments to date but it was believed that a new contractor given the project for design. The signs were supported by everyone. Chairman asked to see figures re matrix signs. Val Blackburn offered to pursue.

The possible acquisition of a speed gun for sole use within the Parish to serve as a preventative measure was discussed and it was suggested that perhaps a grant would be available towards this. A price to obtain one would be sought by Val Blackburn.

A photograph of a speed check notice used in other similar circumstances was shown at the meeting and everyone agreed this may help in reducing speed. The Chairman agreed to email Ken Major and copy to County Cllr Garnett drawing attention to the suggested speed check signs and ask when we can expect some results about traffic management

Everyone agreed that the weight limit experienced in the village could be the cause of damage to gas and electricity points and that a vibration study and noise issue would all accentuate the problem.

The meeting formally closed at 8.30pm.