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**RIPPONDEN PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the**

**Annual Parish Assembly**

**held on**

**31st May 2023**

**RIPPONDEN PARISH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY**

Minutes of the 49th Annual Assembly of the Ripponden Parish held at Ryburn United on Wednesday 31 May 2023 at 7.15pm.

**Present: Cllr Johnson, Vice Chair of the Parish Council, chaired the meeting. Cllr Hunt attended and took the minutes of the meeting.**

**Apologies:** -.Cllr A. Naylor, Cllr Nicholls, Cllr Crossley, Cllr K. Naylor, Cllr Greenwood.

**Lateness: -** None

1. Due to there being no minutes from the previous meeting able to be accessed, the 2022 Annual Assembly minutes could not be considered or resolved as accepted.
2. To receive updates and information from local organisations and community groups in the Parish – none were present at the meeting.
3. To receive a review from the Ripponden Parish Council of council activities and future activities – Cllr Johnson remarked that he is new to re-joining the council and has therefore been absent for the past 4 years. Because of an absence of council members at the Parish Meeting, a full and productive update was not possible. Cllr Johnson noted the 4-year plan and that the asset transfer of the library is a notable ongoing project, but that it would fall to the new council to discuss how best to shape the direction of the Parish Council moving forward.
4. To note the open discussion for residents –

A member of the public who works as a team lead for a care team at Brig Royd Surgery spoke of her role and remit in her department which covers care, mental health issues and social wellbeing. The resident noted she is looking for a community resource from which to base her team and enquired as to the proposed asset transfer of the library building. An brief update was provided.

A member of the public asked whether the Parish Council will resurrect its former stance on bringing CCTV to the village. It was noted this issue will likely be brought back for discussion.

A member of the public spoke about poor lighting around Boothwood Reservoir carpark and how this creates an unsafe and antisocial environment. The question was what can the Parish Council do about this situation? It was noted that the council can discuss this as an issue at a future meeting.

A member of the public asked about missing bins around Rishworth, including one at Shaw Lane. It was noted that this would be brought up for discussion at a future meeting of the Parish Council.

A member of the public asked when the community can expect to see 20MPH speed limits imposed, as other areas had benefited from this adjustment in legal limits. It was noted that the issue can be raised with a ward Cllr and information fed back.

A member of the public asked whether it was possible to situate a new noticeboard at Redan crossroads in Soyland. It was noted that this can be raised at a future meeting of the Parish Council for discussion.

Cllr Johnson as chair of this meeting noted that lessons must be learned in order to improve on bringing about better attended annual meetings and it was noted that poor publicity and other factors may have contributed to a lower than expected / desired turnout.

Meeting Closed: 19:56 hrs.