

**MINUTES OF GOWDALL VILLAGE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY  
WHICH TOOK PLACE ON  
THURSDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019 AT 6.30pm  
IN THE SOCIAL CENTRE, MAIN STREET, GOWDALL**

Present                      Councillor C. Emsen (in the chair)  
                                    Councillor S. Shears  
                                    Councillor J. Boasman  
                                    Councillor P. Lacy

In attendance:          Mrs. P.A. Sykes – Clerk

16 Residents of the Parish of Gowdall

**APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Ward Councillor C. Fox & Ward Councillor J. Barrett

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the Annual Assembly held on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2018, were received and confirmed and signed as a true record. The Chairman confirmed that the majority of the listed items discussed during the 2018 Annual Assembly had been addressed.

**OPEN DISCUSSION**

Views on the work of the Parish Council during the past year was discussed by referring to the topics covered at the previous year's meeting as recorded in the minutes. Due consideration was given to the progress made during the year in each case.

- Termination of School bus service – This was a valiant effort but to no avail. This matter will be revisited as an agenda item and ERYC will be contacted again as residents still feel this is an unsatisfactory situation and requires further discussion with both the Parish Council and ERYC. The Risk Assessment requires re-visiting.
- Footpaths and Roadways – some work has been carried out but this matter needs to be re-addressed.
- Mud on road – Chairman is to speak to the local farmers.
- Riverbanks – regular inspections continue to take place by Environment Agency together with constant monitoring.
- Field Lane – this is still a cause for concern and will be addressed during the Streetscene visit on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2019.
- Parking on footpaths – all residents have received a letter asking them to consider footpath users when parking their vehicles.
- Hanging Baskets – will be purchased by Gowdall Parish Council for the 2019 season. A concerned resident wondered if it would be beneficial to have each household sponsor a basket.
- Telephone interference – it has been noted that many land lines in the Parish have interference when in use. BT are to be asked to investigate this problem.
- Field Lane – Jim McGivern of ERYC is to be asked to contact residents and ask them to clear up the hedge clippings.
- Drainage – concern was shown about the possible blockage of drains feeding the main drain.

- Christmas Tree – there will be a Christmas Tree in the Parish for the 2019/20 Christmas season.
- Bench/Seat - ERYC are to be reminded that the Parish Council have asked for permission to erect a seat on the road from Gowdall to Snaith. This matter will be discussed during the Streetscene visit.
- Sandpit Lane – ERYC/Environment Agency state that they are monitoring this area. However, during a recent fire of the rubbish there was no attempt to ascertain the materials fuelling the fire. It was agreed that if concerned residents contacted Andrew Percy MP there may be more weight in the argument.
- Footpaths – it was suggested that the Parish Council could perhaps precept for works in connection with the footpaths in the area.
- During the forthcoming Streetscene Inspection it was suggested that attention should be given to pointing out matters concerning safety on the highway. The road surface in places is crumbling away, speed bumps may be a deterrent to speeding through the village, black and white high visibility posts would make drivers more aware of dangers, parent and child walking signage would point out the dangers of children walking to school. There have been many accidents within the village which confirm the need for attention in the near future.

**TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM LAVRAG**

A presentation was given by two members of the LAVRAG Group who are working towards improving the train services from Goole to Leeds. Works are quite progressed towards the project and the meeting was told that as the infrastructure was already in place LAVRAG’s bid for finances towards improving the service were quite hopeful for year commencing 2020. The benefits of an improved service would help a large part of the community. At the moment the support of the Parish Council would be required by helping with a leaflet drop in the Parish.

The meeting in general supported the Group and look forward to a positive outcome.

The Chairman thanked all present at this meeting and promised that their queries and recommendations would receive attention via Agenda during the next financial year.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Thursday 16th May 2019 at 7.00pm. This will be the Annual Meeting of Gowdall Parish Council and will be the first meeting of the new Council.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 7.30pm

**Signed** ..... **Date** .....  
Chairman