Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly
held on
Thursday 1 May 2008
in Elswick and District Village Hall commencing at 7.45pm

PRESENT: Cllrs J Rowe (Chair), Chedd, Emmington, Hayhurst, James, Molloy and Taylor.
In attendance: Mrs Elvy (Clerk) and 11 Parishioners.

1. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS:
Members of the Public were welcomed to the meeting.

2. MINUTES - Of the meeting held on 24 May 2007 were read, approved and signed as a correct record.

3. MATTERS ARISING
Nil.

4. CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT
Cllr Rowe's report is attached for information.

5. OPEN FORUM

Lodge Lane – There was a report of overgrown vegetation. The Clerk will contact LCC regarding this. A number of other issues were reported regarding this area and it was agreed that Karen Galloway would be invited to a Parish Council meeting to discuss these. They included the possibility of a pavement between Ashlea and Hoole House and reduction in the speed limit from de-restricted to 40 MPH.

High Street – Concern was raised regarding parking on the High Street and Karen Galloway will be asked to consider whether time restrictions could be placed on the south side of the road.

Bonds Lane – Flooding due to the culvert is occurring again. The Clerk was asked to contact CC Joyce Stuart as she assisted when this problem occurred previously.

Larbreck Playing Field – A resident reported nuisance from children playing football in this area. Foul language has been heard and damage to neighbouring properties caused by footballs has occurred. The children have been asked by the police and members of the Council to play at the far end of the field, which they have duly done, but concern has been raised regarding the safety of the children as they are now having to collect the football from the road. The situation regarding FBC funding and this area was explained. This area will be reviewed on the Spring Inspection of the Parish.

Differential Taxation – The recent decision by FBC to implement this policy was explained to the Parishioners in detail and following discussion Cllr Hayhurst proposed a vote of No Confidence in FBC. This was unanimously carried and Cllr Hayhurst will inform FBC.

Asbestos – During the Parish Inspection the Council were asked to check whether any asbestos has been dumped on Roseacre Drive at the rear of the industrial estate.

6. CHAIRMAN'S CLOSING REMARKS

Cllr Rowe thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

…… Chairman …….. Date

…… Clerk …… Date