

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF LORTON HELD ON  
THE 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2011 AT THE YEW TREE HALL**

The Chairman Cllr. C. Poate welcomed Cllrs, Mr. J. Hayton (LDNPA) and 5 members of the public to the first meeting after the Local Elections.

1. **Completion of Acceptance of Office.** All Cllrs. completed a) Acceptance of Office, b) Register of Financial Interest and c) Return of expenses forms. No expenses to be claimed.
2. **Apologies for absence.** Apologies were received from Cllr. Greenwood and C.Cllr. E. Nicholson.
3. **Present.** Cllrs. Poate, Baker, Armstrong, and Irlam.
4. **Minutes of the Annual Parish** Meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2010 were read, approved by Cllrs. and signed by the Chairman.
5. **Election of Chairman.** Cllr. Baker proposed Cllr. Poate, seconded Cllr. Armstrong.
6. **Co-option of Councillors.** Following the elections held on the 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2011 there were 2 vacancies. 2 expressions had been received from Mrs G. Postlethwaite and Mr P. Deeks. All Cllrs. in favour and the 2 Councillors joined the meeting.
7. **Election of Vice-Chair.** Cllr Baker proposed Cllr. Postlethwaite, seconded Cllr Irlam.
8. **Chairman's Report.** This was read out by the chair. (Copy in Minute Book) and also on Website.
9. **Melbreak Communities.** The Chair welcomed Mr D. Poole and Mr J. Hankin. They reported that at an open meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2011 the suggestion of setting up an emergency Plan for each community within the Melbreak Group was discussed. They are working initially on a plan for Lorton which hopefully will be expanded. A list has been made of all properties including post codes. There is to be a flyer in The Link asking for expressions of interest in the scheme and any offers of help which would be most welcome.
10. **Comments and questions.** A resident thanked the Parish Council for their work and commitment.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 7.40 p.m.

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It was then followed by the Parish Council Annual General Meeting