MINUTES of the Annual Assembly for Dunford Parish Council, held on Thursday 16th March 2023 at the Parish Community Centre, Sheffield Road, Victoria, HD9 7TP.

Local Government electors and Members of the public were in attendance.

1. Financial statement of the draft accounts for the year to 31st March 2023 and the financial position to date.

The Clerk provided copies of the annual income and expenditure. It was highlighted that over £4500 has been spent on gas to the community centre in this financial year, which is half of what the Parish Council receives for the entire year. This is unaffordable going forward and help with funding will be needed, although bills should decrease with the warmer weather. The YLCA may be able to provide funding advice.

1. Report of the Chair.

The Chair reported that he is very happy with the way the DRA is now operating and particularly with the level of public representation. Local elections are to take place this year and he wished everyone the very best for the future.

1. Proposals for the future.

Members of the public were invited to give their views. It was felt that in the future the Parish Council needs to be more engaged within the community, more visible and public facing with increased community engagement and support at local events. It was felt that a newsletter or regular mailing would be useful, perhaps working alongside the DRA.