

West Rainton and Leamside Parish Council

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 21 May 2015

Present: Councillors E Bulmer, I Clifford, M Gilbank, S Patterson, A Wallage.

7 x members of the public (MoP)

In attendance: Parish Clerk - Graeme Keedy

NOTE: The meeting was not filmed or audio recorded.

1) Election of Chairman for 2015 / 2016

Nominations were sought for the position of Chairman.

Cllr E Bulmer proposed Cllr A Wallage, this was seconded by Cllr I Clifford.

Cllr S Patterson proposed Cllr M Gilbank, this was seconded by Cllr M Gilbank.

Following a vote, Cllr A Wallage received three votes, Cllr M Gilbank received two votes.

Cllr A Wallage was duly elected Chairman for 2015 / 2016.

2) Declaration of Acceptance of Office

The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed by Cllr A Wallage. This was witnessed by Graeme Keedy, Parish Clerk and he additionally signed and dated the declaration.

3) Election of Vice Chairman for 2015 / 2016

Nominations were sought for the position of Vice Chairman.

Cllr A Wallage proposed Cllr I Clifford, this was seconded by Cllr E Bulmer.

Cllr S Patterson proposed Cllr M Gilbank. Cllr M Gilbank declined the nomination.

Cllr I Clifford was elected unopposed as Vice Chairman for 2015 / 2016.

4) Apologies for absence

Written apologies received from Cllr A Swinburn (due to work commitments) were approved.

No apologies had been received from Cllr A Sowerby and this was noted as unapproved.

Signed:

Date:

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5) Review of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

The Parish Clerk proposed the following:

That Standing Orders be amended to permit the routine distribution of Parish Council papers by electronic means.

That the Parish Clerk be delegated authority to incur expenditure up to £100.00 without prior authorisation for the purposes of business continuity.

Parish Council resolved to approve the Clerk's proposals as described for changes to Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.

6) Appointments to outside bodies:

Parish Council considered nominations to:

West Rainton and Leamside Partnership

Parish Council resolved that Cllr E Bulmer be its' representative.

Smaller Councils Forum

Parish Council resolved to appoint a representative as and when required.

Durham Area Action Partnership

Parish Council resolved to appoint a representative as and when required.

Signed:

Date: