

# Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting 12 May 2016.

## Present

Cllr Avril Wallage , Chair  
Cllr Mark Gilbank  
Cllr Pam Laurie,  
Cllr Maureen Boettcher  
Cllr Iain Haddick  
Cllr Elaine Bulmer  
Cllr Cynthia Cochrane

Cllr Bill Kellett (DCC)  
Yvonne Probert, Durham Community Action  
PCSO Ray Raymond

Approximately 40 MoB

Kate Cuthbert, Parish Clerk

1. Introductions and welcome by Chair
2. Councillor Wallage welcomed members of the public to the meeting and explained the purpose of the meeting. The Chair advised that the meeting would be immediately followed by a launch of the Parish Plan and encouraged residents to have their say.
3. The assembly considered the draft minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting held 28 May 2015. Cllr Gilbank asked that the reference to Cllr Gilbank in the minutes be removed as he stated he did not attend the meeting as a parish councillor but as a member of the public. A member of the public challenged this remark given he was a parish councillor at the time. This statement was also challenged by the Chair who explained that she had introduced him at the meeting as Cllr Gilbank and that he was referred to as Cllr Gilbank throughout the meeting.

A Member of the public (Mop) asked why Cllr Gilbank had videoed and audio recorded the meeting for his personal use. Cllr Gilbank responded, “ Why not?”.

4. Given the disputed nature of Cllr Gilbank’s attendance and the resultant potential inaccuracy of the minutes, the Chair asked those members of the assembly who were present at the meeting to vote on whether they considered the draft minutes to be accurate. A unanimous vote of the minutes being accurate was recorded, included a vote from Cllr Gilbank.
5. Councillor Wallage presented the 2015-16 Annual Report of the Parish Council and invited the assembly to ask any questions.

6. Councillor Wallage invited the assembly to raise any issues of concerns that impacted on the local community. Concerns were raised about off road motor bikes and the PCSO advised that any concerns should be reported to the Police who would respond as soon as resources allowed. A MoP asked a question about clarity over the parish boundaries. Cllr Wallage advised that this question would best be answered in the following session on the Parish Plan as large maps of the Parish were to be made available and discussed. Concerns were also raised about 30 mph speed limits being exceeded in the village and the need for police checks. This issue was noted for capture within the Parish Plan.
7. The meeting closed at 7.30pm.