

# **West Rainton Parish**

## **Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting**

**Thursday 25 May 2017 at 7.00 pm**

**Arden House, West Rainton**

### **1. Present**

Councillor Clifford (Chairman), Councillors M. Boettcher, A Wallage, M. Gilbank, P. Lowrie  
Mark Ramshaw – Parish Clerk  
2 members of the public

A minutes silence was held as a show of respect to the victims and families of the Manchester Arena bomb attack.

### **2. Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting 12 May 2016**

Copies of the minutes were unavailable. It was agreed that these would be shared with those members of the public in attendance that were also present at last years meeting, for comment /agreement at a later date.

### **3. 2016/17 Annual Report of the Parish Council**

Councillor Clifford presented the annual report of the Parish Council and invited any questions from members of the public.

The report outlined:

- Changes in council membership during the year
- Changes in employees during the year
- The main activities of the Parish Council
- Specific activities undertaken in 2016/17

- The financial position of the council including details of the precept and spending during the year.
- The outcome of the Parish Council Election in May 2017
- Work to be progressed in 2017/18

The full report is available for download on the Parish Council's website.

#### **4.Parish Plan**

Barbara Hind and Susan Tron from Durham Community Action presented a summary of version of the Parish Plan. It was explained that a full version of the plan and a separate Action Plan would be available shortly, once all groups nominated to lead on specific actions had approved it. The summary version of the Parish Plan and the Action plan will be available to view/download from the Parish Council's website.

#### **5.Public Participation**

The Chairman invited members of the public to raise any issues of concern.

Annabel Burns from St Marys Church informed the meeting that they had been awarded a grant from the Parish Council for planters but subsequently some planters had been donated. They spent some of the grant on compost and plants but requested if it would be acceptable to hold the remainder of the money for bulb planting in October.

It was agreed to agenda the item for consideration at the next Parish Council Meeting.

Cllr Gilbank raised some concerns he had received from a member of the public regarding vehicles parking on footpaths and the problems of trying to get past them on a mobility scooter. Parking within the Village has been raised as an issue within the Parish Plan and will be considered in due course.

The Meeting closed at 19:17.

M Ramshaw  
Parish Clerk