

# **West Rainton Parish Council**

## **Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Thursday**

### **19 May 2016**

#### **Present:**

Councillors A. Wallage (Chair), M. Boettcher, E. Bulmer, C. Cochrane, M. Gilbank, P. Lowrie and I. Haddick.

5 Members of the public (MoP).

#### **In attendance:**

Parish Clerk – Kate Cuthbert  
Project Officer – Graeme Keedy  
County Councillor Kellett

#### **1) Welcome and Introduction of Councillor Cochrane**

Councillor Cochrane was welcomed to her first meeting of the Council as a Parish Councillor.

#### **2) Election of Chairman for 2016/2017**

Nominations were sought for the position of Chairman.

Cllr E Bulmer proposed Cllr A Wallage, this was seconded by Cllr P Lowrie.

Cllr A Wallage was duly elected Chairman for 2016/2017.

#### **3) Declaration of Acceptance of Office**

The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed by Cllr A Wallage. This was witnessed by Kate Cuthbert, Parish Clerk and she additionally signed and dated the declaration.

#### **4) Election of Vice Chairman for 2016/2017**

Nominations were sought for the position of Vice Chairman.

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

Cllr I Clifford was duly elected Vice Chairman for 2016/2017.

#### **5) Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr. Morson (due to unavailability), Cllr Patterson (due to unavailability) and Councillor Clifford (due to unavailability).

These were noted as approved apologies for absence.

## **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 that Cllr M Boettcher be its' representative.

### **Durham Area Action Partnership**

Parish Council resolved that Cllr M Gilbank be its' representative.

The meeting closed at 19.15 hrs.