**WINDLESTONE ANNUAL PARISHIONERS MEETING**

**HELD 16th May 2019**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Councillor David Willshaw

Councillor Phil Woods

Councillor David Hall

Councillor Derek Cattell

Karen Younghusband, Clerk Windlestone Parish Council

**Apologies:** Councillor Geoff Makepeace

Also in attendance were 13 Members of the Public (attendance sheet on file)

1. **Introduction by Chair Windlestone Parish Council**

Councillor Willshaw opened the meeting and gave a review of the 2018-2019 financial year

(as attached at Appendix 1).

1. **Approve Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held 3rd May 2018**

As there were no Members present at the Annual Parish Meeting in 2018, the Minutes had been approved at the August Meeting of Windlestone Parish Council.

1. **Questions from Members of the Public**

Discussions surrounded concerns residents had regarding several issues affecting the Parish. The majority of the issues were the responsibility of the Local Authority, Durham County Council, and were as follows:

* Lack of Street Lighting in proximity of No. 2 The Cottages (previously House of Eden Nursery);
* Clarification over where the Parish Boundary was located;
* Requirement for Road Calming Measures especially on Roads to Middridge and Bishop Auckland;
* With the nearest services located in Chilton how residents of Windlestone were meant to access them? Crossing the road to get to Chilton was impossible as there was no zebra crossing or other similar facility. With the vast increase in new housing in Chilton, the roads were only ever going to get busier. This was a major concern;
* Signage issues/Postcode Issues regarding Durham Animal Feeds. Large vehicles trying to access the Company using the narrow lane used by residents because the postcode is the same. Lack of help from Durham County Council to address this issue which was putting residents in danger. More signage was needed to direct vehicles to Durham Animal Feeds and away from the lane, as large vehicles turning in this area was extremely dangerous.

Members acknowledged that the issues raised needed to be investigated and agreed to meet to go through the issues at a separate meeting, together with the questionnaires completed by residents, with a view to contacting Durham County Council as soon as possible.

1. **Any Other Business**

There was no other business to report.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was declared officially closed at 7.20pm.

SIGNED: ……………………………………. (Chair Windlestone Parish Council)

DATE: …………………………..