

THOSE PRESENT J Morrison-Bell (Chairman), M Walton, S Walton, D McCracken, R Ward
C Miller (Clerk) J Riddle (Northumberland County Council)

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

2. RETIRING CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS and ANNUAL SUMMARY

Cllr McCracken gave thanks to all Cllrs after rather a difficult year, with resignations connected to the Neighbourhood Plan, and a By Election request currently ongoing, with names gained to request this but nobody forthcoming to stand for election. Sadly, due to harassment from a parishioner, the Clerk had resigned, with replacement C Miller employed. Cllr McCracken to stand down as Chairman.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 20th May 2016 were agreed as a true record.

4. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.

5. CLERK'S ANNUAL REPORT

Clerk commented it was increasingly difficult to gain action from County Council when fault reporting.

6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- a) Election of Chairman: Cllr Ward proposed Cllr Morrison-Bell, Cllr M Walton seconded, all in agreement
- b) Election of Vice Chairman: Cllr Morrison-Bell proposed Cllr S Walton, Cllr Ward seconded, all in agreement.

Incoming Chair gave a vote of thanks to Cllr McCracken for guiding the Parish Council through an extremely difficult time.

7. DATE OF NEXT AGM

The date of the next AGM was confirmed as Wednesday 17th May 2017.

8. CONCLUSION OF MEETING

Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group had had sight of inspector's report with further meeting arranged with Northumberland County Council and Northumberland National Park, and the current recommendation being plan should not be sent to referendum.

The meeting closed at 720pm.