**Upper Denton Parish Council – 2018 Annual Parish Meeting (APM)**

**Held on Thursday 16th May 2019**

**Present**

**Parish Councillors:** T. Gordon (TG),W. Makepeace (WM) & D. Newrick (DN)

**Others: -** S. Hatt (Clerk) & Raymond Tinnion (RT) (City Councillor)

Apologies: L. Fisher (LF) (County Councillor)

**No members of the public was present**

**The meeting opened with DN (the Parish Council Chairman) in the Chair**

1. **Opening remarks**

DN welcomed those present

1. **Apologies**

LF sent his apologies

1. **Minutes of the 2018 APM held on 10th May 2018**

These were agreed as a true and correct record and signed as such by DN

1. **Matters arising from the 2018 APM held on 10th May 2018**

None

1. **Chairman’s Report**

DN welcomed Raymond Tinnion, newly elected City Councillor, to the meeting and reported that:

1. the Timber Extraction project is continuing without any immediate concerns. The timing of lorries travelling through the village is being addressed, although Cumbria does not seem to be interested in dealing with the complaints. Andrew Oliver (Northumberland County Council) will be looking at the road surfaces which seem to have been damaged due to the increased traffic.
2. the City Council will progress the merger with Waterhead PC following the ongoing work of the Boundaries Commission. There will be a Community Governance Review and this will take time as there will be consultations with the interested parties.
3. at the moment, the Campaign to Open Gilsland Station (COGS) campaign is keeping a watching brief as the project goes through various processes at Northumberland County Council for the next stage of the scheme to move forward at a cost of £390,000.
4. the lack of backing for the Hadrian’s Wall Trail was a continuing issue and a request was made that the County Council should recognise and support this important tourist attraction in the future.
5. He thanked the Parish Council (PC) for its support over the last year**.**
6. **Open Meeting**

No contributions were made – no one was present.

Minutes prepared by Signed as a true and correct record

Sue Hatt (Clerk) D. Newrick (Chairman)

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