**Upper Denton Parish Council – 2021 Annual Parish Meeting (APM)**

**Held on Thursday 13th May 2021**

**Present**

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

**Others: -** S. Hatt (Clerk)

**Absent:** Raymond Tinnion (RT) (City Councillor), Keith Meller (City Councillor) and Mike Mithchelson (MM) (County Councillor)

**No members of the public was present**

**The meeting opened with DN in the Chair**

1. **Opening remarks**

DN welcomed those present

1. **Apologies**

MM and RT sent their apologies.

1. **Minutes of the 2019 APM held on 16th May 2019.**

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

**Proposed: DN Seconded: WM**

1. **Matters arising from the 2019 APM held on 16th May 2019.**

None

1. **Chairman’s Report**

DN welcomed everyone to the Annual Meeting and expressed his hope that this would be the last virtual meeting that the Parish Council would have to hold.

He thanked the councillors for their continued support despite the difficulties of the last year and a bit. Despite having to meet over the phone, every meeting was held as planned and business carried on throughout the various lockdowns.

Tim and Janet Gordon produced a vital COVID newsletter for the residents of Gilsland and this was much appreciated. Sue Maughan had now taken over the publishing of the village newsletter and it was suggested that she might need help in the future.

DN has been working hard to resolve many Highway issues in the Parish and keeping councillors informed of developments.

DN thanked the Parish Council (PC) for its hard work and support over the last year**.**

1. **Financial Report 2021**

SH reported that the balance in the bank was healthy, with annual payments forming the bulk of the expenditure. The possibility of merging the website with Thirlwall should be considered in the future to avoid unnecessary, high website costs.

The 2020-2021 accounts were approved.

1. **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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