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Proceedings at the Annual Meeting of Electors held on Wednesday 15 April 2015.

PRESENT: Cllrs Bradshaw (chairman), Gaffney, Bremner, Hornsby, James Foote

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Ward, Briffett and Julie Foote

1/15 Approval of the minutes of the annual meeting of electors held on 16 April 2014.

The minutes were approved by Alistair Baird-Jones and Richard Hill.

2/15 Matters arising from the minutes: the Old Boundary sign has now been re-sited – Cllr Gaffney informed the meeting that the sign was now reinstated on York Road, Wilpshire.

Min 14/04 – footpath – Cllr Gaffney informed the meeting that evidence had been obtained from 29/30 people. However there were rumours that the landowner may be selling the land. The present system was that a notice should be served on each landowner but Cllr Gaffney also reported on the Deregulation bill – which means in cases like the footpath from Vicarage Lane to Kemple View the evidence would be given to LCC and they would deal with it.

3/15 The Chairman’s report.

Congratulations were given prior to the report on the stirling job of producing the newsletter.

During the past year the Parish Council has dealt with a large number of issues from planning applications, public footpath and highways matters to the use of the Durham Road Play Area by dog owners and finding a new Parish Lengthsman.

Chris Walton had been appointed to the position of lengthsman and commenced work in the spring of 2014.

Sadly in early December former lengthsman Barry Grunshaw passed away. Barry was the Parish Lengthsman for a number of years and Barry’s legacy will be the daffodils which he planted along Whalley Road on behalf of the Parish Council. Councillor Tony Gaffney represented the parish Council at Barry’s funeral.

The vacancies mentioned in the annual newsletter were now filled.

Superfast broadband was now available in Wilpshire.

Cllr Jean Franey left the Council in October 2014 when she moved out of the area.

4/15 Business brought to the meeting by the electorate of Wilpshire.

*Carr Hall – could the footpath still be used?*

Yes the closure notice has now been lifted.

*DRPA was referred to in the Annual Newsletter re improvement and additions the following concerns were expressed:*

*Concerns over a full set of goalposts being erected*

This was not the Parish Council’s intention however WPC would like better quality facilities for children and would be thinking more along the lines of remodelling. WPC were conscious of the previous history of the site.

*Waste Bin – had been vandalised the circular top had been ripped out –*

A new bin would be provided.

Dogs – comments had been received stating that people preferred to take their children to the play area.