

**The Annual Meeting of the Slaidburn and Easington Parish Council was held on
Monday 20 March 2017 at 7.30pm**

Present

The following were present, Mr. Neil Breaks, Mr. Kerry Hodson, Mrs. Jean Lawson, Miss Elizabeth Scott, Mr. Duncan Cowking, the Clerk Mrs. A Robinson and a Members of the Electorate.

Apologies

Mr. Tom Robinson, Mr. Frank Mason, Councillor David Smith, Mrs. Rosie Elms.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on the 21 March 2016 were approved and signed.

Matters Arising

B4RN

Mr Barry Forde from B4RN attended the meeting and gave details of the scheme that he runs, which is Broadband for Rural North.

It is a Community Company which has set up, own and run a Broadband Network.

To date there are 63 Parishes involved in the scheme.

It is a community project which means that the community have to raise the money and carry out the works involved. There needs to be a group of 6/7 people from the community to run the scheme and carry out the fundraising.

The broadband is run across the countryside, not the roads, which means land owners have to be consulted.

There is a £150 connection fee and costs £30 per month.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.10pm.