

# WIDFORD PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Widford Annual Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 10th May 2016 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

**PRESENT:** Cllr Jill Buck, Chairman (JB); Cllr Barbara Edwards (BE); Cllr Glen Parcell (GP); Cllr Paul Riddle (PR); Cllr Neil Rogers (NR)

County Cllr Roger Beeching, District Cllr Bob Brunton and fourteen members of the public

Clerk: Colin Marks, Clerk to the Parish Council

The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 7.30pm

**ACTION**

**16.047 Election of a Chairman**

Cllr Jill Buck was proposed, seconded and it was unanimously **RESOLVED to elect Cllr Jill Buck as Chairman for the ensuing year**

**JB**

**16.048 Declaration of Acceptance of Office**

The Chairman signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, witnessed by the Clerk

**16.049 Apologies for absence**

1. Councillors: None – all present. The Chairman announced that she had received a letter of resignation from Cllr Neil Rogers due to work pressures and the increase in the amount of council paperwork. The Chairman thanked him for his contribution to the Parish Council and wished him well for the future. The Clerk said that East Herts Democratic Services would be informed and they would issue the statutory vacancy notice inviting the electorate to call for an election. Failing that, the Parish Council would be free to fill the vacancy by co-option.

**Clerk**

2. Others: None

**16.050 Declarations of Interest and requests for dispensations**

1. **Interests:** None

2. **Dispensations:** None

**16.051 Appointment of a Vice-Chairman**

Cllr Paul Riddle was proposed, seconded and it was unanimously **RESOLVED to appoint Cllr Paul Riddle as Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.**

**PR**

**16.052 General Purposes Committee**

1. The Clerk said there was no reason or requirement for this Committee and it was unanimously **RESOLVED to dispense with the General Purposes Committee**

2. Terms of reference for such a committee therefore not required

**16.053 Allotments Working Group**

The Chairman thanked Cllr Babs Edwards for her input and sterling work in taking on the allotments for the past year. It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED that Cllr Babs Edwards and Cllr Glen Parcell be appointed as the Parish Council's members on the Allotments Working Group for the ensuing year.**

**BE/GP**

**16.054 Village Hall Committee Representative**

It was proposed, seconded and unanimously **RESOLVED that Cllr Paul Riddle be appointed as the Council's representative on the Village Hall Committee for the ensuing year.**

**PE**

**16.055 Playing Field Representative**

In view of the fact that there are currently only two trustees on the PF Committee, it was agreed to defer the appointment of a Council representative to the Committee until the position could be clarified and resolved. The Clerk offered to introduce a charity expert to help the Committee understand it's options. This was tentatively accepted, subject to the agreement by of both trustees.

**Clerk/  
JB**

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and, after inviting them to stay for the Parish Council Meeting that was following immediately, closed the meeting at 8pm.

**Signed**.....**Dated**.....