

Widford Parish Council

Minutes of the Widford Annual Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 7th May 2019 at 7pm in the Village Hall



PRESENT: Cllr Jill Buck (JB); Cllr Carol Blackett (CB); Cllr Babs Edwards (BE);
Cllr Paul Riddle (PR)

3 members of the public

Clerk: Colin Marks, Clerk to the Parish Council

All elected councillors present signed their Declaration of Acceptance of Office before the commencement of the meeting.

The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 7pm

ACTION

19.030 Election of Chairman for the ensuing year

It was proposed, seconded, and unanimously **RESOLVED that Cllr Jill Buck be elected Chairman for the ensuing year.**

19.031 The Chairman signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office

19.032 Members' receipt of requisite governance papers

Members received their email summons agreement forms and DPI registers for signing.

19.033 Apologies for absence

1. Councillors: Cllr Michael Ripsher (business)
2. Others: Sgt Duncan Wallace; PCSO Leon De Bruyn

19.034 Declarations of Interest and requests for dispensations

1. **Interests.** Cllr Babs Edwards: non-pecuniary - her husband is Treasurer of the Playing Field MC. It was agreed to make a standing note on future agendas.
2. **Dispensation requests:** None received

Clerk

19.035 Appointment of a Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year

It was proposed, seconded, and unanimously **RESOLVED that Cllr Paul Riddle be appointed Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.** Cllr Riddle signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

19.036 Vacancies

No vacancies since all seats were filled (unopposed) at the 2nd May election.

19.037 Allotments Working Group

It was proposed, seconded, and unanimously **RESOLVED that Cllr Babs Edwards lead the AWG for the ensuing year.**

19.038 Village Hall Committee

It was proposed, seconded, and unanimously **RESOLVED that Cllr Carol Blackett be the Village Hall representative for the ensuing year.**

19.039 Playing Fields Committee

It was proposed, seconded, and, unanimously **RESOLVED that Cllr Michael Ripsher be the Playing Field representative for the ensuing year (in his absence and subject to his agreement).**

JB

19.040 General Power of Competence (GPC)

The Clerk presented the case for the Parish Council being awarded the GPC since it meets the qualifying criteria. This will stand for the ensuing electoral term, subject to a resolution at each Annual Council Meeting during the 4-year term. It was unanimously **RESOLVED that the Parish Council be awarded the General Power of Competence.**

Clerk

19.041 Governance Policies and Procedures

It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED to defer the review of Governance and Policy documents to a later meeting, including Standing Orders which the Clerk is re-writing to comply with the latest NALC model.**

Clerk

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 7.30pm.

Signed.....Dated.....