

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WIDFORD PARISH COUNCIL was held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 1st May 2012 commencing at 8.00pm.

PRESENT

Chairman Dr Ian Brett, Vice-Chairman Mrs Jill Buck, Councillors Mrs Wendy Camp and Mrs Jenny Miller.

Also in attendance District Councillor Mr Mike Newman and five members of the public.

APOLOGIES had been received from Councillor Mrs Frances Luck and County Councillor Dr R Beeching.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

From the Chair, nominations were invited.

Dr. Ian Brett was proposed by Mrs Buck. The proposal was seconded by Mrs Camp and unanimously agreed.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Mrs Buck was proposed by Mrs Camp. The proposal was seconded by Dr Ian Brett and unanimously agreed.

ELECTION OF GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

It was proposed and unanimously agreed that **All Councillors** serve on this committee.

ELECTION TO THE ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE (2 members)

Mrs Camp had served on this committee for several years but did not wish to stand again.

Mrs Miller and Dr Ian Brett were proposed by Mrs Buck, seconded by Mrs Camp.

Both were willing to stand and declared elected.

ELECTION TO THE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE (1 MEMBER)

Mrs Luck had represented the Parish Council on this committee in previous years. In her absence, she was proposed to continue on this committee subject to her agreement.

ELECTION TO THE PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE (1 MEMBER)

Mrs Buck agreed to continue on this committee.

CONTRIBUTION TO THE UPKEEP OF THE NEW CHURCHYARD

For the last three years a sum of £150.00 had been contributed to the Parochial Church Council towards maintenance of the new churchyard. This year, expenses had increased and the Parish Council had received a request from the PCC to double that amount to £300.00.

The Parish Council also maintains the Old Churchyard, closed in 1903, at an increased cost of £384.00 this year. To give £300.00 in addition to the PCC constitutes 14% of the Parish Precept being spent on Churchyard grass cutting.

Following a lengthy debate on three options, **a)** To leave a decision until November when the next precept will be decided, **b)** to increase by £50.00 to £200.00, **c)** to contribute £300.00,

Mrs Buck proposed, agreed by all, to contribute £300.00 but to consider no further increase for the next years.

APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL EXAMINER (Auditor)

The books had been audited and approved by Mr David Binfeld on 13th April. He had expressed a willingness to carry out the work again for the year ending 2013.

It was therefore proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed to appoint **Mr Binfeld**.

The meeting ended at 8.00pm

3rd July 2012

Chairman.....

Dr Ian Brett.