

# 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

The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 7pm

**ACTION**

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

**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**

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**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.....

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