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Widford Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Widford Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 5th May 2026 at 7pm in Widford Village Hall



PRESENT: Cllr Mike Allen (MA); Cllr Mark Rome (MR); Cllr Josh Warren

Two members of the public

Clerk: Colin Marks, Clerk to the Parish Council

The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 7.15pm

ACTION

26.035 Election of Chairman

It was proposed, seconded, and unanimously **RESOLVED: that Mike Allen be elected as Chair for the ensuing year.**

26.036 Signing of Declaration of Office

Cllr Mike Allen signed the Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

26.037 Apologies for absence

1. Councillors: Cllr Ian Collins: Business **ACCEPTED**
2. Others: Cllr Eric Buckmaster

26.038 Declarations of Interest and requests for dispensations

1. **Interests:** Cllr Ian Collins: has a dispensation regarding the closed Churchyard due to his wife having the maintenance contract; Cllr Mike Allen: Playing Field, being a trustee.
2. **Dispensation requests:** None

26.039 Appointment of Vice-Chair

RESOLVED: that Ian Collins be appointed as Vic-Chair for the ensuing year.

26.040 Allotments Working Group

Held in abeyance and deferred to a later meeting.

26.041 Village Hall Representative

RESOLVED: that Cllr Josh Warren be appointed as the Village Hall representative.

26.042 Playing Field Representative

RESOLVED: that Cllr Mike Allen be appointed as the Playing Field representative.

26.043 General Power of Competence (GPC)

Noted: That the Parish Council retains the GPC.

Clerk

26.044 Governance Policies and Procedures

1. **Financial Risk Assessment:** Reviewed and **RESOLVED: to approve as presented.**
Cllr Mark Rome signed the FRA.
2. **Other Governance documents:**
 - 2.1 **Code of Conduct:** Reviewed and **RESOLVED: to approve as presented.**
 - 2.2 **Standing Orders:** **RESOLVED: To adopt the new updated NALC Model Standing Orders as presented.**
 - 2.3 **Financial Regulations:** **RESOLVED: To adopt the new updated NALC Model Financial Regulations as presented.**
 - 2.4 **Publication Scheme:** **RESOLVED: To adopt the Publication Scheme as presented.**

Clerk/MR

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2.4 Other governance policies: None

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 7.20pm.

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

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