

Wickhamford Parish Council

Annual Statutory Meeting 11th May 2016

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Present J. Newbury, Chairman, Councillors D. Heeks, J. Poulter, R. Gutteridge, County Councillor, L. Eyre, PCSO P. Schroenrock & M. Smith, Clerk

1. Apologies

District Councillor B. Thomas

• 2. Outgoing Chairpersons Welcome.

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting

• 3. Previous Minutes.

The minutes of the previous Annual / Statutory meeting were agreed.

• 4. Chairman's Report

The Solar Farm project has now been completed and we have received the agreed Community Benefit Fund which will be discussed in the Parish Council meeting as will the Community Grant from Rooftop Housing re the Sandys Avenue development. We are still struggling with the enforcement team at WDC who seem reluctant to act on issues we have. We are in the process of seeking a more competitive insurance, again this is for discussion at the Parish Council meeting

Cemetery fee increases will also be a topic at the meeting.

The Chairman then thanked the Clerk for all his work in the past year considering his health issues

• 5. Financial Statement.

The 2015/2016 financial year opened with a bank balance of £24,676.00 as per our accounts and the external audit figures. Although we had not budgeted for the fencing requirements costing £8,724.00 and the Play Area equipment costing a further £1,756.00.

Although we were over budget we did have an increase in income mainly due to burial and memorial charges, which is always an unknown factor.

Without the non-budgeted expenses we would have been £2,578.00 under budget. This resulted in a bank balance being carried forward to the 2016 / 2017 financial year of £17,008.96

• 6. **Election of Chairman**

J. Newbury was proposed by Councillor R. Gutteridge and seconded by Councillor J. Poulter. J. Newbury duly accepted

• 7. **Election of V. Chairman**

T. Waller was proposed by Chairman J. Newbury and seconded by Councillor R. Gutteridge. T. Waller duly accepted

• 8. **To agree the Delegation of Authority.**

Councillors agreed to the continuation of the Delegation of Authority to the Clerk

• 9. **Questions from the Public.**

No public present

Meeting Closed at 7.20

Signed.....

Date.....

Chairperson