

# Wickhamford Parish Council

## Annual Statutory Meeting Minutes 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017

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**Present** J. Newbury, Chairman, T. Waller, V. Chairman, Councillors, D. Heeks, K. Nash,  
R. Gutteridge & J. Poulter  
District Councillor, B. Thomas  
Public, S James

- 1. **Apologies** P. Schroenrock, PCSO
- 2. **Outgoing Chairman's Welcome**  
The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting
- 3. **Previous Minutes**  
The minutes of the 2016 Annual Statutory Meeting were agreed
- 4. **Chairman's Report**  
The Chairman thanked everyone for another successful year, also mentioning the injection of funding from ING & Rooftop Housing. A few footpath issues had arisen but are in the process of being resolved. The development in Sandys Avenue has been completed, but this has led to parking issues along with parking issues in Manor Close. which we are currently trying to resolve. The Sports Club had a successful C & W Event this assisting financial stability, as this is the last remaining facility in the Village. We have initiated the "We Don't Buy Crime Scheme" and are hoping this is up and running soon. We are also looking into the possibility of extending the Cemetery ground for future usage.  
Grateful thanks were given to Mike (Clerk) for his hard work despite his health issues, Also Dave (Councillor) now back to good health
- 5. **Financial Statement**  
The financial year started with an opening balance of £17,008.96 as per the audited figures and bank balance. With an injection of £5,000.00 from Rooftop Housing following their development at Sandys Avenue and £100,000.00 Benefit Fund from Solar INRG relating to the Solar Farm Project, with our normal receipts and payments utilising part of the fund (£20,000.00) to subsidise the installation of the new Play Area equipment we carry a bank balance forward into the 2017/2018 financial year of £94,881.21 £85,000.00 of this balance "being the fund" has been earmarked for projects which the Parish Council deem would be of benefit to the community.
- 6. **Election of Chairman**  
J. Newbury was proposed by R. Gutteridge and seconded by D. Heeks,  
The vote was unanimous. J. Newbury duly accepted
- 7. **Election of V. Chairman**  
J. Poulter was proposed by J. Newbury and seconded by T. Waller  
The vote was unanimous. J. Poulter duly accepted

- **8. Election of Pact Representative(s)**  
K. Nash & R. Gutteridge were proposed to attend these meetings. Accepted
  
- **9. Parish Footpath Warden**  
As this is a voluntary position applications have to be via Worcestershire Countryside Access
  
- **10. To agree the Delegation of Authority for the Clerk**  
This was agreed
  
- **11. Questions from the Public.**  
None
  
- **12. Close**  
Meeting Closed at 7.20

Signed.....

Date.....

Chairperson