

**WALFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING 13 MAY 2009
HELD AT WALFORD VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT Cllrs S M Cole, S W Cole, M Downey, E Drummond, H Evans, P Heath, F Myers, G Symonds, M Thomas, B Vine, the Clerk and 7 members of the public.

APOLOGIES Cllr L Freeman

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr F Myers, as Chairman of the previous Council, asked for nominations. Cllr Drummond proposed Cllr Myers, seconded by Cllr Downey. Cllr Myers said he was willing to stand. Cllr Cole nominated Cllr Vine, seconded by Cllr Symonds. Cllr Vine said she was not prepared to stand for nomination at this time. Cllr Myers was duly elected as Chairman

2. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

The Chairman signed the relevant form

3. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Those nominated were Cllr B Vine and Cllr P Heath. Cllr Vine did not wish to stand. Cllr Heath was elected.

4. MINUTES of the 2008 WPC Annual Meeting were already confirmed and signed on 9 July 2008.

5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following councillors were re-appointed or appointed as follows:

Finance Group: It was resolved the Finance Group shall consist of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Cllr M Thomas and Cllr H Evans.

HALC Representative: Cllr B Vine

Lengthsman Supervisor : Cllr L Freeman (had previously signified that he was willing to stand)

Rights of Way: Cllr M Downey

Walford Village Hall Representative: (omitted in error. For inclusion on agenda at next meeting)

AONB :Cllr P Heath

Police Group representative: Cllr F Myers

Parish Website :Mr D Wadge (if willing to continue)

6. FINANCE

1. Walford Parish Council Statement of Accounts for Y/E March 31 2009 was presented. The statement of accounts was accepted (proposed by Cllr SW Cole and seconded by Cllr Symonds) and signed by the Chairman

2. Internal Auditor. It was proposed by Cllr SW Cole and seconded by Cllr G Symonds that Mrs Pauline Powell be re-appointed as Internal Auditor. Agreed

3. Parochial Accounts

Mrs J Freeman had sent the following reports:

Jane Clarke Charity

Balance 1.01.09 £ 213.12

Balance 31.03.09 £ 214.29

No withdrawals made

Robert Holme Storey Charity

Balance 01.03.09 £ 1,324.81
Balance 31.03.08 £ 1,332.07
No withdrawals made

Walford Relief-in-Need Charity

Mrs V Morgan had sent the following report:

The Trustees (Cllr E Drummond, Cllr B Vine and Mrs V Morgan) had not met during the year and there have been no outgoings.

The credit balance of the COIF account on 06.04.08 was £2586.54 and interest on the Lloyd's Bank Account on 07.04.09 was (27.05+27.73+24.63+ 10.96) £90.37.

The Charity's assets therefore stood at £2,676.91

The Chairman suggested that the subject of Parochial Accounts be revisited with the Trustees in order to try to make some payments out during the year. This was agreed.

7. WALFORD SCHOOL

There had been some response to the Parish Council's request for closer links with the school in that a copy of the Walford School News Letter, as sent out to parents, had been received. Cllr Cole who was on the Board of Governors said that a new Head Teacher would be appointed in January 2010 and the position might improve thereon.

8. WALFORD PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2008/9

The report of business carried out by the Parish Council during the year, previously circulated, was accepted.

The Chairman then closed the Annual Meeting

Chairman

Date