

YELLING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th May 2011 in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Apologies: Mrs B. Boddington and Mr R. West

Present: Mr J. Peal (Chairman), Mr P. Jackson (Vice Chairman), Mrs J. Murray, Mr J. Murray and Mr L. Johnson.

Declarations of interest:

The Clerk reminded the Council of the advice previously provided by HDC's Monitoring Officer, Colin Meadowcroft, from the Standards Board for England that, our circumstances, councillors would have personal interests in respect of any candidates who were family members or close associates as the co-option would affect their wellbeing. However, such interests would not be prejudicial as they do not affect the councillors' financial interests or relate to planning or licensing issues and they are, therefore, not prevented from voting.

All councillors declared personal interests in respect of agenda item 3.

PC Election & Co-option

The Clerk advised that there were two candidates for the vacant seat: Mrs Sanchia Ascroft-Walker and Mr Peter Webb. Both had provided brief summaries about themselves and what they felt they could bring to the Council to serve the community.

The Clerk conducted a secret ballot, the result of which was that Mrs Ascroft-Walker was co-opted by majority, (5:1)

Any Other Business

The Clerk advised that a group of volunteers for the Speedwatch scheme had come forward in the village and had received the required training to operate the scheme. There was one set of equipment currently available from the St Neots police station and use would need to be coordinated with other villages.

The meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.