

Wisbech St Mary Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Wisbech St Mary Parish Council held on Monday 22nd June 2015 at 7pm in Wisbech St Mary Community Centre.

Attended by: Councillors B Britain (Chairman), M Knight (Vice-Chairman), C Allen, B Reay, T Jennings, J Fish, District Councillor S Bligh, 1 member of the public.
Candidates: J Newland, D Scrimshaw, J Humphrey.

OPEN FORUM – Parishioners are invited to address the Council. **None.**

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Cllrs. D Broker and P Davies. Candidate Brian Sandall as he was in hospital. The Clerk had received a telephone call prior to the meeting from Jill Goude stating that she has withdrawn.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

All present introduced themselves.

3. THE CO-OPTION PROCESS

The Clerk explained that the candidates would leave the room and be invited back, in alphabetical order, to introduce themselves and explain what they felt they could contribute to the Parish Council.

The Chairman would then call for the councillors to vote. Each of the three vacancies would be taken in turn and voting would continue until a candidate received more than 50% of the vote.

As councillors may wish to discuss the personal attributes of each candidate it was agreed that this part of the process would be confidential.

On completion of voting the Chairman would declare a candidate duly elected until the three seats had been filled.

The successful candidates would then be invited to sign a Declaration of Acceptance of Office and complete a Member Contact Details form and would be handed a Register of Member Interests form which must be completed and handed to the Clerk at the next meeting.

4. ADDRESS BY APPLICANTS – up to 5 minutes each

John Humphrey, Janine Newland and David Scrimshaw then left the room and were invited back separately to make their presentations.

All attendees other than councillors then left the room while the voting process was completed.

5. WISBECH ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL VOTING

Four candidates were considered. Each vacancy was considered in turn and votes recorded until a successful candidate emerged.

On completion candidates and visitors re-joined the meeting.

6. DECLARATION OF RESULTS

The Chairman declared Janine Newland, John Humphrey and David Scrimshaw duly elected.

7. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE – each of the successful candidates completed their declaration and completed the Member Contact Details form.

Each were handed a copy of the Code of Conduct.

REGISTERED OF MEMBER INTERESTS – each were handed a form and requested to return the completed form to the Clerk at the next meeting 13 July 2015.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday, 13th July

2015

Murrow Village Hall

Meeting closed at 7.40 pm

Signed: Cllr. B Britain, Chairman