

Minutes for the Annual Meeting of Birdingbury Parish Council
19th May 2015, held at The Birbury, Birdingbury

Present

Councillors: D Turner (Chair), I Tipton, G Davy and D Preston

In Attendance

Joanna Bloomfield (Clerk) and one member of the public.

1. Welcome & Election of Chair and Vice Chair.

As out-going Chair of the previous Council, Councillor Turner opened the meeting and welcomed those present. Councillor Davy nominated Councillor Turner as Chair, Councillor Preston seconded and the proposal was carried. Councillor Turner nominated Councillor Tipton as Vice Chair, Councillor Davy seconded and the proposal was carried.

2. Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Jackie Morton, which were accepted.

3. Declaration of Interest of Agenda Items.

There were no declarations of interest for items on the agenda for this meeting.

4. Adoption of, or agreement to review, Standing Orders.

Councillor Turner proposed to accept the current Standing Orders for now but to look at the new model Standing Orders from NALC for consideration at the June meeting, which was agreed.

5. Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 20th May 2014.

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 20th May 2014 were agreed and signed as a true record.

6. Councillors and Chair's Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Councillors signed their Declarations of Acceptance of Office, which were counter-signed by the Clerk. Councillor Turner signed the Chair's Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

7. Register of Members' Financial Interests form.

Councillors signed their Register of Members' Financial Interests form.

8. Financial Arrangements.

- The end of year report had been circulated at the last Parish Council meeting and at the Annual Village Meeting. The list of assets had previously been circulated.
- It was agreed that the cheque signatories would be Councillors Turner, Tipton, Davy and Preston.
- Councillor Turner reported the Clerk's wages had been reviewed in August. As the Parish Council is in the process of appointing a new Clerk, the wages

would be offered on the basis of experience, in line with NALC guidelines.

- There were no changes to the leases.

9. **Dates of meetings.**

It was agreed to keep to the traditional formulae of the third Tuesday of the month throughout the year, with the exception of August and December. In February, when the third Tuesday falls in half-term week, it was agreed to move the meeting to the following week. The dates will be:

**16th June, 21st July, 15th September, 20th October and 17th November 2015
19th January, 23rd February, 15th March, 19th April and 17th May 2016**

The Annual Village Meeting will be held on 26th April 2016

10. **Representative of Other Bodies.**

- It was agreed that Councillor Davy would continue as the Council's representative on the Birbury Management Committee.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm

Signed: (Chair)

Date: