

**Wheathampstead Parish Council
Special Parish Council Meeting
25 June 2015, 19.30h**

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| Present | Councillors | D Johnston A Dante D Davies T Reason J Shardlow P Wilby P Woodhams | Chairman |
| | | J Warren | Clerk to the Council |
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4178 -15 Apologies and introductions

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor A Brewster (SADC meeting) G Clark (SADC Deputy Mayoral function), L Halford and S Haynes (personal reasons).

4179-15 Specific Declarations of Interest & Dispensations

None.

4180-15 Co-option to Parish Council

Eleven councillors were elected unopposed to twelve seats in the May 2015 election. A vacancy existed which Council was legally required to seek to fill. (LGA 1972 s 89, LGA 1972 sch 12 s39) At Minute 4122-15 the co-option process was agreed for the 25 June meeting, namely:

Advertise vacancy – noticeboards, website, word of mouth for decision by parish councillors at June Council meeting.

Potential co-optees, in order of receipt of their application forms (*copies circulated to all councillors*) would have up to 3 minutes in which to present themselves to councillors.

Three applications had been received and candidates present, presentations were delivered in order of receipt:

1. Caroline Vincent
2. John Stocker
3. Elias Habib

A fourth candidate had withdrawn his application and did not attend.

Following the presentations a paper ballot was undertaken of councillors present. Ballot forms were presented in alphabetical order by surname. Voting by a clear majority vote. The Clerk

