

## WHEATHAMPSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of the Parish Council in the Hewitt Room at the Memorial Hall, Marford Road held on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2008.

Present: Cllrs. K. Stammers (Chairman), I. Begg, A. Brewster, J. Burgess, G. Clark, N. D. Clements, L. Hobden, N. Page & J. Turner

Apologies for Absence: Cllrs. D. Hills, S. Walford & A. Waterfield

In Attendance: The Clerk, Mrs. B. Green

### Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Hobden signed the book as she is in the HCC Pension Scheme, but was allowed to stay at the meeting and vote.

Cllr. Clements signed the book as he is a licensed I.F.A. and has advised the Council since 1999. He has no financial or pecuniary interest so was not asked to withdraw. He was able to stay and vote.

The new Clerk, Mrs. Warren, is already in the Bedfordshire C.C. Pension Scheme and wishes to join the HCC Scheme and have her present pension transferred.

Cllr. Turner proposed that Wheathampstead Parish Council joins the local Government Pension Scheme as administered by Hertfordshire County Council, seconded Cllr. Burgess. There was general discussion over whether or not to join this scheme. Currently there is a Gratuity Scheme in place for the staff into which the Parish Council contributes 10% of the combined salaries.

The vote was put – Those in favour 5 against 4. CARRIED.

Cllr. Stammers voted against this proposal.

### Bank Mandate

It was proposed by Cllr. Turner that Mrs. Green can sign Parish Council cheques.

It was agreed that Mrs. Green be an unpaid advisor to the Parish Council until the end of December and can therefore sign cheques. The new mandate will be signed in January and Mrs. Warren will then become a signatory, seconded Cllr. Brewster. AGREED.