

Freshford PC Chairman's Report for 13 May 2019

1. Election

A Parish Council election was held on May 2nd.

The results were:

Names of Candidates	Votes
ADLER, JOHN ERNEST (E)	172
BATCHELOR-WYLAM, ANNABEL SOPHIE (E)	134
CARPENTER, JULIAN (E)	139
DANIELS, JONELLE JASMINE (E)	142
HAWKER, JEAN (E)	185
HEATLEY-ADAMS, JACOB (E)	117
MADDICOTT, THOMAS WILLIAM (E)	161
STEVENS, NICHOLAS JOHN (E)	135
WALKER, MARTIN CHARLES (E)	163
WALTERS, BENJAMIN JOHN	98

My sympathy goes to Ben – which reminds me of the first time that Nick Stevens and I stood for election and we both failed to get elected at the same election.

2. Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on April 17th.

Issues raised by members of the community included:

- Wanting information on the future of the old surgery building
- Parking in the general vicinity of the Inn at Freshford
- Lack of PC support for the Solar Panels application
- How will Street Cleaning continue once BANES funding is removed
- Effectiveness of the new street signage
- Impact of Horse-riding on The Tynning

Whilst responses were given at the APM, these are issues that need further PC consideration.

3. PC Backup

BANES have not been responsive as regards the PC being able to purchase an MS-Office under the BANES licence agreement.

This issue cannot be left any longer, and it is critical that the PC laptop is adequately backed up.

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The various options available have previously been presented to the PC, and it was generally agreed to proceed on the basis of using Microsoft One Drive, which is part of the MS Office 365 offering.

The PC is requested to approve the purchase of a Microsoft Office 365 licence for the Clerk, which will cost £59.99 p.a.

This will be an ongoing annual cost.