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CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

As I mentioned last time, the electors in the Parish elect a new Parish Council on 2 May - existing councillors continue in post until then. Nominations for the new Council closed on 3 April, and since there were only seven nominations (all from existing councillors) for the nine seats on the Parish Council, they will all be declared elected on 2 May. This means that a new council takes over. Although the faces may look familiar, they cannot act as councillors until they sign their declaration of acceptance of office, at or before our next scheduled meeting on 14 May.

Because only seven councillors will be elected, we will need to co-opt two more members within seven weeks of 7 May. If we fail to do that, then we will have to set a date for, and pay the cost of, a further election to fill the vacancies.

It was good to see so many people at the Meeting of Electors on 19 March - I hope you found it useful. The Neighbourhood Plan was the main topic of the evening, and our thanks to those who came forward to volunteer to help. The next main public event will be an Open Day in the Village Hall on a Saturday in June, when we would like to see as many people as possible to hear their views on what they would like to see for the future of our community. Nearer the time we will be circulating a newsletter to let you know the details, and we will aim to deliver a copy to every household.

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