

**AN INFORMAL MEETING OF ALLBROOK AND NORTH BOYATT PARISH COUNCIL
WAS HELD ON 3 OCTOBER 2012
AT CRESTWOOD SCHOOL AT 7PM – 8:15PM
TO DISCUSS THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONERS ELECTION**

PRESENT: Councillor Wall (Chairman), Councillor Mrs Symonds, Councillor Hawes.

Lou Parker-Jones the Strategy and Delivery Manager for the Hampshire Police Authority introduced herself to the meeting and gave a presentation to explain the forthcoming election for the new Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC).

Hampshire Police Authority was established 1996 and consisted of 17 members these were 9 Councillors representing political parties across Hampshire, Portsmouth, Southampton and the Isle of Wight. The Police Authority was proud of its achievements; crime had fallen and their excellence in community engagement had been recognised nationally. Currently the Police Authority was a small organisation consisting of 8 members of staff.

By 22 November 2012 one person would be in charge of Police and Governance across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. The election for this person was on 15 November 2012 and everyone was encouraged to vote. Once this person had been elected they would hold the Chief Constable to account. This was a high profile post and the budget for the PCC was set at £327 Million. The PCC would inherit the staff at the Police Authority. A Police and Crime Plan would have to be produced by 1 February 2013.

There had been a large amount of interest in the position including the major political parties and some individual and independent people. No candidates had been announced as yet.

The PCC would earn a salary of £85,000 and could appoint their own Deputy PCC but only one and as many PCC Assistants as they liked. The PCC could not arrest anyone or interfere with Policing. The PCC would be responsible for holding the Chief Constable and Police Force to account on behalf of local residents. The PCC would oversee how crime was tackled in Hampshire and aim to make sure the Police were providing a good service. The PCC would be the face of Hampshire Police.

The appointment would last for 3 ½ years until the next election in May 2016 and would normally be for a 4 year term.

The election candidates can be seen at the following website:

www.choosemypcc.org.uk

The election would take place on Thursday 15 November 2012 between 6:30 am and 10:00 pm. The count would take place on Friday 16 November 2012. The ballot paper would be slightly different to normal as voters would be asked to vote for their first and second preferences. Members agreed that it was important for everyone to vote in the election and it was hoped that the PCC election would be advertised nearer the election.