

# WITCHAM PARISH COUNCIL



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To All Members of the Council

**MEMBERS: 6    QUORUM: 3**

**Members are summoned to attend an Extra-Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council to be held on **Wednesday 30 April 2025** at 6.30 pm in the Village Hall, Witcham, for the purpose of transacting the following business:**

## A G E N D A

- 25/073 To receive and accept any apologies for absence
- 25/074 To receive declarations of interest from Councillors in respect of any items on this agenda in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct
- i) Pecuniary interests.
  - ii) Personal interests.
  - iii) Prejudicial interests (and to inform the Chairman if they wish to speak on the matter during public participation).
- 25/075 Dispensations:  
To note any new Dispensations granted: Nil
- 25/076 Public Participation  
To allow up to 15 minutes for any members of the public, and Councillors declaring the existence and nature of a prejudicial interest, to address the meeting in relation to the business to be transacted at this meeting.  
At the close of this item, members of the public will no longer be permitted to address the Council unless invited to do so by the Chairman. (3 minutes each to combined maximum of 15 minutes total for this agenda item (Standing Orders 3f) and 3g)). Chairman to close meeting to public.
- 25/077 Neighbourhood Plan  
To further review Policy WHM14 – Public Rights of Way

25/078 Exclusion of Press and Public

To consider whether under section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, that as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the special and confidential nature of the business about to be transacted at Agenda Items 25/078 listed below, it is advisable in the public interest that the public and press be temporarily excluded from this meeting and they are herewith instructed to withdraw.

To receive update from solicitors on draft RSPB Lease and discuss for urgent progression. (circulated 22.4.25)

M Housden

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Chairman

Applications for Dispensations must be submitted to the Clerk on the application form at least 4 days prior to the meeting.

**NOTES:**

Members of the public are welcome to attend this meeting and there is provision for public participation. Details may be obtained from the Clerk or Chairman prior to commencement of the meeting.

If the Council wishes to exclude the public and press from the meeting a resolution in the following terms will be passed:

"It is hereby resolved in accordance with section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, that as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the ( *special* ) ( *confidential* ) nature of the business about to be transacted at Agenda Item ( *No* ) namely ( *state subject listed* ) it is advisable in the public interest that the public and press be temporarily excluded from this meeting and they are herewith instructed to withdraw. ( *Mr/Mrs/Cllr* ..... ) to be invited to remain." (as applicable)

Code of Conduct para 12(2) 'If a Councillor with a prejudicial interest wishes to speak on an agenda item then that interest and intention must be stated immediately after the first item of the Agenda. The public will be allowed a maximum of six speakers who may provide information for up to three minutes only and each person may only speak once. The Chairman will look to secure a balance of public speakers. The public participation is not to be a part of the debate but merely fact giving and answering questions in the same manner as the councillor with the prejudicial interest'.