

WITCHAM PARISH COUNCIL



CLERK:

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To All Members of the Council

You are hereby summoned to attend a Meeting of the Parish Council to be held on Wednesday 9 November 2022 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, Witcham, for the purpose of transacting the following business:

MEMBERS: 6 QUORUM 3

A G E N D A

Chairman's welcome and instructions regarding any Covid-19 protection measures

- 22/193 To receive and accept any apologies for absence
- 22/194 To receive any declarations of interest
Councillors to declare any pecuniary interests in any items on the agenda.
Councillors to declare any personal interests in any items on the agenda.
Councillors to declare any prejudicial interests in any items on the agenda and to inform the Chairman if they wish to speak on the matter during public participation.
- 22/195 Dispensations:
To note any new Dispensations granted: Nil
- 22/196 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.
(3 minutes each to combined maximum of 15 minutes total for this agenda item (Standing Orders 3f) and 3g))**
- 22/197 To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 12 October 2022, and confirm agenda of same date.
- 22/198 Matters arising from previous minutes (for information only)
- 22/199 To receive reports from District and County Council representatives for November.
- 22/200 Planning Applications and Tree Works:
22/00976/TRE Recreation Ground Play Area, Martins Lane T1 Red Horse Chestnut – remove deadwood, raise crown to 2.5m from ground level reduce top by up to 1.5m and sides up to 2m; T2 Horse Chestnut – remove tree and stump due to poor health and structural condition; T3 Horse Chestnut – raise crown to 3m from ground level and reduce extended limb growing towards play equipment by 1m

22/01222/TPO The Bury Meadows, Bury Road Witcham A1 various – clear back the emerging surface vegetation 1m either side of the current clear usable surface(2m currently). This vegetation is primarily bramble and young blackthorn suckers. In order to enable safe use of the route by horse-riders any encroaching vegetation/branches within this clearance width will be cut back to a height of 4m

To note ECDC decisions

22/0866/FUL 9 The Orchards Replacement double garage - Approved

To receive report on issues raised during construction work at Kings site, The Slade.

22/201 Clerk's Report (to follow)

22/202 First Responders

To receive update regarding fundraising for equipment (previously circulated)

22/203 Finance & Admin

- a) To approve receipts and payments for November 2022. (to follow)
- b) To receive correspondence from Witcham Cricket Club and consider payment of grasscutting cricket ground 2022 season and discuss future arrangements (circulated)
- c) To approve NJC Salary Award for Clerk with effect 1 April 2022 (circulated)
- d) To discuss new grasscutting and grounds maintenance tender for March 2023 (circulated)
- e) To approve the receipts and payments and reconciliations for period July – Sept 2022 (circulated 12 October 2022)
- f) To discuss and approve drafted 2023/24 Budget and Precept (to follow)

22/204 Recreation Ground

- a) To receive monthly report on weekly inspections of play equipment and recreation ground. (MH)
- b) To receive update on development of area at entrance to roadway at recreation ground and discuss alternative tree (JB email 21.10.22)

22/205 Play and Outdoor Fitness Refurbishment Project

To receive report from Clerk

22/206 Neighbourhood Plan

To receive report and recommendations from Neighbourhood Plan Working Party and to note consultant attending special additional meeting on 16 November 2022. (meeting notes previously circulated MH)

22/207 Consultations

The Council is invited to comment on the following:

- a) Anglian Water – new reservoirs in the East of England
www.anglianwater.co.uk/new-reservoirs
- b) Greater Cambridge Partnership Making Connections 2022 (Oct-Dec)
<http://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/mc-2022>

22/208 MVAS – Speed cameras

To receive October speed data and note speedwatch co-ordinator requires further volunteers to put forward for training in order to undertake urgent speedwatch checks. Also to note feedback from residents.

22/209 Street Lights and Highways

To receive any items to bring to attention of the Highways Authority

22/210 Correspondence (circulated)

To receive and consider the following items of information/interest and invites: Employers Pension Forum Girton College 21 November 2022 and newsletter

ECDC Covid-related support provisions and contacts
ECDC Warm Hubs – new centres opening
ECDC Examination of the Local Plan, Single Issue Review, Submission updates
ECDC newsletter
Cambridgeshire ACRE newsletter including Rural England Prosperity Fund in
Cambridgeshire, Greater Cambridge Transport, Warm Hubs
CCC Cost of Living Events Ely Library 27 October 2022
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority newsletters including Ely
Zipper bus service secured until March 2023
NALC newsletters, including 2023 Parish Council Elections

22/211 Date of next meeting: 11 January 2023
Review Actions

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S J Bell
CLERK/RFO
3 November 2022

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” .