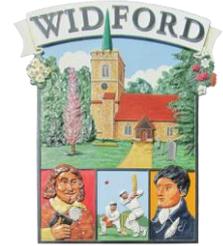


Widford Parish Council



To: Cllrs Mike Allen, Ian Collins, Michael Ripsher, Mark Rome

You are summoned to attend the following meeting to transact this business agenda:

Widford Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 16th May 2023

in Widford Village Hall at approximately 7.30pm

Immediately following the Annual Parish Council Meeting that commences at 7pm

Public and press are welcome to join the meeting, although under Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, public and press may be excluded for the discussion of confidential business. Please note that public participation is not permitted except during the time designated for public comments.

Signed: Colin Marks, Proper Officer and Clerk to Widford Parish Council

Date: 10th May 2023

AGENDA

In accordance with The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014, SI 2095, only non-confidential business (press and public present) may be filmed, recorded, photographed, broadcast, or reported via social media by any person. Recording and reporting the Council's meetings is subject to the law, including the Human Rights Act, the Data Protection Act, and the laws of libel and defamation, and it is the responsibility of those doing so to comply.

23.045 Apologies for absence

1. Councillors: to receive and approve acceptance of councillor apologies
2. Other apologies

23.046 Declarations of Interest and requests for dispensations

1. To receive members' Declarations of Interest for items on the agenda (including non-pecuniary, with the nature of the interest. Members should give due regard to the Disclosable Pecuniary Interests notice at the end of this agenda).
2. To receive and consider requests for dispensations: Cllr Mike Allen re Playing Field matters, being a trustee.

23.047 To approve Minutes of the 7th March Parish Council Meeting

23.048 To consider co-opting to fill the vacant seat following the uncontested May 4th election

23.049 Police Report: To receive the Safer Neighbourhood Team report

23.050 Chairman's Announcements

23.051 To receive reports from County and District Councillors

23.052 Planning

1. New Planning Applications

NONE		
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2. Decision Notices (for information only)

3/23/0327/FUL	Hadham Mill Pumping Station: Installation of kiosk	GRANTED
3/23/0098/HH 3/23/0098/LBC	Westbury 46 Bell Lane: Demolish detached garage, build extension	Awaited
3/21/2668/FUL	Ash View Stables: Additional capacity on existing gypsy site	Awaited
3/19/1045/OUT	Land North of the Stort Valley and the A414, Gilston: outline planning	Awaited

3. Other planning matters

1. To consider any late planning applications received after the agenda was published

23.053 Finance

- 1.1 To receive report on the Council's finances and Accounts Year-end 31 March 2023
- 1.2 To approve bank reconciliation Year-end 31 March 2023
- 1.3 To receive 2022/23 financial performance against budget
- 2.1 To receive Accounts report April 2023
- 2.2 To approve bank reconciliation April 2023
3. To consider Playing Field £1000 grant request
4. To approve list of orders for payment
5. To consider appointing an additional bank signatory
6. **Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) 2022/23**
 1. **To Resolve that the Parish Council meets the criteria and wishes to be an exempt authority**
 2. The RFO and Chairman to agree to sign the **Certificate of Exemption**
 3. To approve the Internal Auditor's signed **Internal Audit Report**
 4. **To approve by Resolution Section 1: The Annual Governance Statement.** The Clerk and the presiding Chairman to agree to sign.
 5. **To consider the Section 2 Accounting Statements** as signed by the RFO and presented to the Council
 6. **To approve by Resolution Section 2 Accounting Statements.** Presiding Chairman to agree to sign.
 7. **To Resolve** to set the 30-working day period for the **Exercise of Public Rights as 5 June to 14 July**

23.054 Correspondence: To note list of correspondence (*list below, for information only*)

23.055 Village Reports

1. **Village Hall**
 1. Update: Poll for Village Hall proposal and impact of any decision.
2. **To receive Playing Field report**
3. **To receive Allotments report**
4. **To receive Closed churchyard report**

23.056 Highways, footpaths and byways: to receive reports and consider any action

1. **Footpaths and Public Rights of Way**
2. **Highways and footways**
 1. Update: programme for general clean-up of verges, gutters and overgrown footways
 2. Update: Enforcement issues at Greenacres, Ware Road, including blocking of storm drain.
3. **Other parish matters and concerns:** to consider any matters raised
 1. Update: Platinum Jubilee/Coronation memorial bench
 2. Coronation events report
 3. To consider signing the Armed Forces Covenant (or at July meeting)
 4. Dogs running loose

23.057 Benningfield Green: Update on parking issues

23.058 Village archive update

23.059 Urgent matters: To note matters received too late for this agenda (for full discussion on the next agenda)

To consider suspending the Meeting for Public Comments:

Limited to a total of 15 minutes. One question/statement only of no more 3 minutes maximum per person.

Meeting to be resumed

23.060 To note items for addition to future agendas

- FP1: Replacement of stile with alternative barrier to main road: In N Maddex's programme of works

23.061 Date of next Meeting: Tuesday 4th July: 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Correspondence list for Agenda item 23.054 - *for information only (refer to specific agenda items for action)*

- Parishioner: Complaint of dogs running loose on the cricket field (23.056.3.4)

DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Widford Parish Council

1. A Member, present at a meeting of the Parish Council, or any committee, or sub-committee of the Parish Council, with a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI) in any matter to be considered or being considered at a meeting (Localism Act 2011 s31):
 - must not participate in any discussion of the matter at the meeting;
 - must not participate in any vote taken on the matter at the meeting;
 - must disclose the nature of the interest to the meeting, whether registered or not, subject to the provisions of section 32 of the Localism Act 2011 (sensitive interests);
 - if the interest is not registered and is not the subject of a pending notification, must notify the Monitoring Officer of the interest within 28 days;
 - must leave the room while any discussion or voting takes place.
2. A DPI is an interest of a Member or their partner (which means spouse or civil partner, a person with whom they are living as husband or wife, or a person with whom they are living as if they were civil partners) within the descriptions as defined in the Localism Act 2011.
3. The Parish Council may grant a Member dispensation, but only in limited circumstances, to enable him/her to participate and vote on a matter in which they have a DPI (Localism Act 2011 s33).
4. **It is a criminal offence to:**
 - fail to disclose a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest at a meeting if it is not on the register;
 - fail to notify the Monitoring Officer, within 28 days, of a DPI that is not on the register that a Member disclosed to a meeting;
 - participate in any discussion or vote on a matter in which a Member has a DPI;
 - knowingly or recklessly provide information that is false or misleading in notifying the Monitoring Officer of a DPI or in disclosing such interest to a meeting.

Note: The criminal penalties available to a court are to impose a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale (£5,000 maximum) and disqualification from being a councillor for up to 5 years. (Localism Act 2011 s34)