

WIDECOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

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To: Councillors Y Elliott (Chair), J Bibby, D Edwards, T Guest, S Jones, C Partridge and S Zab

You are hereby summoned to attend a MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL in Church House, Widecombe on THURSDAY 4 JANUARY 2024 at 7.30pm.

Suzanna Hughes

Clerk to the Parish Council

Agenda

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. OPEN FORUM

Members of the public are invited to address the Council

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

Members to be reminded of their responsibility to continually update their Notice of Registerable Interests and invited to state whether they have any interest in the items to be discussed during this meeting in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct. Unforeseen requests for a Dispensation to be considered at this point only if there was no way a Councillor would have been aware of such before the meeting.

4. RATIFICATION OF MINUTES

To approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 2 November 2023

5. REPORTS

To receive the following reports:

- (a) County Councillor
- (b) District Councillors
- (c) DNPA Representatives
- (d) Police
- (e) Delegate Reports

6. PROJECTS & ESTATES

(Cllrs Edwards, Partridge & Zab)

(a) Parish Field

- (i) To note the income and expenditure to date
- (ii) Grazing Licence 2024 – to confirm tendering process
- (b) New trees on Village Green

To receive costings for two new trees to be planted on the green

(c) Affordable Housing

Report and update

(d) North Hall underlease between the Parish Council and WDSG

To continue discussions and consider options for the future management of North Hall field

7. PLANNING/LOCAL LIAISON

(Cllrs Bibby, Jones & Guest)

- (a) New planning applications/appeals:

(i) None

(b) Planning Decisions

(i) 0470/23 & 0471/23 – Northway Farm, Widecombe-in-the-Moor

Variation of conditions 2, 15 and 16 of approved planning application ref: 0398/22 for re-siting of existing driveway and entrance, replacement of single glazing to double glazing throughout main house, replacement guttering and downpipes (partially retrospective), new slate tents to chimneys, alterations to the fabric of the tractor barn and the incorporation of a new renewable energy strategy comprising of a biomass boiler

To note that DNPA has granted conditional consent

(ii) 0410/23 – Great Cator Farm, Widecombe-in-the-Moor

Conversion of traditional stone barn to holiday let with associated garden and parking area

To note that DNPA has granted conditional consent

(iii) 0427/23 & 0428/23 – Lower Cator Farmhouse, Widecombe-in-the-Moor

Replacement garden room extension to front elevation

To note that DNPA has granted conditional consent

(iv)

(iv) 0369/23 & 0370/23 – Hayloft Cottage, Widecombe-in-the-Moor

Repair of existing roof structure, replacement roof covering to barn for installation of PV panels, related cabling and equipment

To note that DNPA has granted conditional consent

8. FINANCE & GOVERNANCE

(Cllrs Bibby, Jones & Guest)

(a) To note that the National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC) has reached an agreement on the new rates of pay applicable from 1 April 2023. Clerk's salary will be backdated accordingly.

(b) Payments

To receive and approve payments for approval:

- Clerk's salary and disbursements (January + backpay since April 2023) – £421.37
- HMRC (PAYE Q3) – £217
- DALC (Training) – £181.20

(b) Budget 2024-25

To receive budget proposals and approve the precept request for 2024/25

9. HIGHWAYS

(a) Drains on Widecombe Hill – update from DCC

(b) To report any new highways issues not already reported to DCC

Potholes and other highways maintenance issues can be reported direct to DCC:

Online: <https://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/>

Telephone: 0345 155 1004

Email: customer@devon.gov.uk

10. CORRESPONDENCE

Members to be informed of all relevant correspondence not otherwise dealt with on the agenda

11. MEMBERS' ITEMS FOR INFORMATION OR GENERAL DISCUSSION, FOR INCLUSION ON FUTURE AGENDAS AND/OR ITEMS REQUIRING URGENT ATTENTION

Members are reminded that they have not received the statutory notice of this business to be transacted and should therefore recognise that any decision made may be taken to be unlawful if challenged in the future

12. FUTURE MEETING DATES

To agree meeting dates for 2024 (including date and format of Annual Parish Meeting)