

WIDECOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

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To: Councillors Booty, Edwards, Elliott, Fenton, Hassell, Partridge, Routley and Whiteside

You are hereby summoned to attend a MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL to be held on Zoom on THURSDAY 7 MAY 2020 at 7.30pm.

Suzanna Hughes

Clerk to the Parish Council

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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 5 March 2020

5. REPORTS

To receive reports from:

5.1 County Councillor

5.2 District Councillors

5.3 DNPA Representatives

5.4 Police

5.5 Delegate Reports

6. FINANCE & GOVERNANCE

(Lead Councillors: Cllrs Partridge & Routley)

6.1 Payments

To receive and approve payments for approval:

- Cheque no 001044 – Clerk's salary and disbursements (March & April) – £481.74
- Cheque no 001045 – HMRC (PAYE Q4) – £157.80 (to be reimbursed to the clerk)

6.2 Insurance 2020/21

To receive and review insurance renewal quotation

6.2 To note the key elements of the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020:

- The Regulations permit the holding of remote meetings (with conditions)
- Local councils can decide the methods they will use to facilitate the holding of remote meetings

- There is no requirement to hold an annual meeting
- There is nothing in the Regulations permitting parish meetings to meet remotely. In NALC's view, the current Government guidance means that parish meetings should not take place in person, including the annual meeting of the electors

6.3 Clerk to advise on arrangements for annual audit

7. PROJECTS

(Lead Councillors: Cllrs Edwards)

7.1 Climate Emergency

To consider how this Council intends to respond to the Climate Emergency

7.2 Affordable Housing

Chairman to provide an update

8. ESTATES

(Lead Councillors: Cllrs Fenton & Whiteside)

8.1 Sycamore Tree, Widecombe Green

8.1.1 To note that DNPA has not protected the tree with a Tree Preservation Order

8.1.2 To consider quotations and receive a recommendation from the Estates team regarding the felling of the tree

8.2 Parish Field

To receive proposals for alternative uses for the field

8.3 Poundsgate Noticeboard

Cllr Partridge to update

9. PLANNING/LOCAL LIAISON

(Lead Councillors: Cllrs Booty & Elliott)

9.1 New planning applications/appeals:

None

9.2 Planning Decisions/Withdrawals

To report any decisions, if received

9.3 Community Response to Coronavirus Pandemic

To receive an update

10. HIGHWAYS

To report any new highways issues not already reported to DCC

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

Online: Telephone: Email:

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/> 0345 155

1004<mailto:customer@devon.gov.uk>

11. CORRESPONDENCE

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

12. 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

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To note that the next meeting will be held on 4 June 2020