

WIDECOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

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To: Councillors Hassell (Chairman), Bibby, Butcher, Edwards, Elliott, Fenton, Jones, Partridge and Zab

You are hereby summoned to attend a MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL to be held in Church House, Widecombe on TUESDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2022 at 6.00pm.

Suzanna Hughes

Clerk to the Parish Council,

Agenda

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. OPEN FORUM

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 on 1 September 2022

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 Fenton, Partridge, Bibby and Butcher)

(a) Parish Field

(i) To consider and approve the grazing agreement

(ii) To agree whether the £350 licence fee achieved in 2022 should be ringfenced for use by the ParishField Committee

(b) Trees

(i) To receive and note the tree condition assessment prepared by Dart Forest Trees

(ii) To consider quotations for the felling of the horse chestnut, as recommended in the tree conditionassessment

(c) Advice Clinic

To consider a proposal to sponsor a one-day 'clinic' in Widecombe, limited to local residents who need advice on benefits or debt (The Parish Council would need to provide the publicity and premises – with an internet connection, somewhere to wait and somewhere to see people privately. Citizens Advice to be approached see if they would be prepared to support the one-day 'clinic' and make appropriate advisers available for the day.)

7. PLANNING/LOCAL LIAISON

(Cllrs Elliott, Jones, Edwards & Zab)

(a) New planning applications/appeals:

(i) 0398/22 – Northway Farm Widecombe

Resiting of existing driveway and entrance, replacement of single glazing to double glazing throughout main house , replacement guttering and downpipes (partially retrospective), new slatetents to chimneys, alterations to the fabric of the tractor barn and the incorporation of a new renewable energy strategy comprising of a biomass boiler and integrated solar PV array. The plansare modest in size and will provide disabled access into the existing property

(ii) 0394/22 – Wren Cottage, Poundsgate

Use of building as rural worker's dwelling

(iii) 22/0047 – Proposed tree works, 2 Manor Cottages, Widecombe

Fell one lime

(b) Planning Decisions/Withdrawals

To report any decisions

8. FINANCE & GOVERNANCE

(Cllrs Elliott, Jones, Edwards & Zab)

(a) Employee salary award

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 2022. Employees salaries will be backdated accordingly.

(b) Payments

To receive and approve payment for approval:

- Cheque no 001115 – Judy Southcombe (replacement defibrillator battery) – £205
- Cheque no 001116 – Clerk’s salary and disbursements (Nov & Dec + backdated salary + community meeting refreshments) – £646.54
- Cheque no 001117 – HMRC (PAYE Q3) – £201
- Cheque no 001118 – Leusdon Memorial Hall (hall hire May & Sept) – £40
- Cheque no 001119 – Dart Forest Trees (tree condition assessment) – £624
- Cheque no 001120 – T Hassell (Wine for Community Meeting) – £39

(c) Budget and Precept 2023/24

To consider draft budget proposals for 2023/4

(deadline for submission of precept request is 31 January 2023)

9. 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: <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. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To note that the next meeting will be held on 26 January 2023 at 7.30pm in Leusdon Memorial Hall, Widecombe