Widford Parish Council

To: Cllrs Mike Allen, Ian Collins, Babs Edwards, Michael Ripsher, Mark Rome You are summoned to attend the following meeting to transact this business agenda:



Date: 28th September 2022

Widford Ordinary Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 4th October 2022

in Widford Village Hall at 7.30pm

Note: this replaces the September 13th meeting postponed upon the death of QEII

Public and press are welcome to join the meeting, subject to the prevailing Covid-19 regulations, which may include limiting the number permitted to attend. All prevailing Covid-19 legislation will be strictly observed.

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.

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

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.

22.076 Apologies for absence

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

22.077 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). To note that Cllr Babs Edwards has a non-pecuniary interest in the Playing Field, her husband being the PFMC Treasurer. Cllr Mike Allen has a dispensation re Playing Field matters, being a trustee.
- 2. To receive and consider written requests for dispensations

22.078 To approve Minutes

- 1. 5th July Ordinary Parish Council Meeting
- 2. To receive draft Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Electorate, 5th April 2022

22.079 Police Report: 1. To receive the Safer Neighbourhood Team report

- 2. Benningfield Road junction parking update
- 3. Drivesafe update

22.080 Chairman's Announcements

22.081 To receive reports from County and District Councillor

22.082 Planning

1. New Planning Applications

3/22/1686/FUL	Land to rear of The Green Man: Build two new dwellings	Comments 4 Oct

2. Decision Notices (for information only)

3/22/1331/FUL	Land At Priory Farm. Partial re-surfacing of existing track	REFUSED
3/21/1720/HH	4 Nether Street: Outbuilding to rear of property	GRANTED
3/21/1180/HH	Chestnut Tree Cottage: Erect garden room	GRANTED
3/21/1181/LBC		
3/22/1501/HH	28 Benningfield Rd: Remove garage; build side extension	Awaited

3/19/1045/OUT	Land North of the Stort Valley and the A414, Gilston: outline	Awaited
	planning	
3/22/1196/HH	Gilston, 42 Bell Lane: Installation of solar panels	Awaited
3/22/0888/HH	The Old Rectory: Demolish attached outbuildings & conservatory;	Awaited
3/22/1001/LBC	build single storey side extension and other works.	
3/21/2668/FUL	Ash View Stables: Additional capacity on existing gypsy site	Awaited
E/21/0288/ENF	30 Benningfield Road: Enforcement investigation	Awaited

3. Other planning matters

- 1. To consider any late planning applications received after the agenda was published
- 2. Discussion on concerns delays in planning application decisions etc in re the Doe Shed and others.

22.083 Finance

- 1. To receive report on the Council's finances and Accounts
- 2. To approve bank reconciliation
- 3. To receive 2020/21 actual financial position vs budget
- **4.** To approve list of orders for payment
- **5.** To receive report on the AGAR status
- 6. To consider the option to opt out of the SAAA central external auditor appointment arrangements
- 7. To note the Council has confirmed its eligibility for the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS)
- 8. To consider EHC proposed change to litterpicking grant policy and consultation

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

22.085 Village Reports

- 1. Village Hall
 - 1. Update: Poll for Village Hall proposal
- 2. Playing Field
 - 1. To receive report
 - 2. Grant update and consider play area equipment, including Section 106 funding availability.
- 3. Allotments
 - 1. To receive report
- 4. Closed churchyard
 - 1. Update on hedge maintenance

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

- 1. Footpaths and Public Rights of Way
 - 1. FP1: Update on replacement of stile with alternative barrier to main road and hedge trimming
 - 2. FP18/Bridleway16: Broken kissing gate report

2. Highways and footways

- 1. Update: general clean-up of verges, gutters and overgrown footways
- 2. Road safety concerns at Greenacres, Ware Road: update.
- 3. Highways/footway fault reports 401002754363 Hunsdon Road, and 401002754085 Ware Road
- 4. Highways railings damage Nether Street Fault ref 401002819071
- 5. Lilly Bridge safety: update
- 6. Dogs running loose on BOAT22 and Permissive Path off BOAT22
- 7. Ware Road flooding after rain

3. Other parish matters and concerns: to consider any matters raised

- 1. To consider alternative site for Platinum Jubilee memorial bench
- 2. Dog owners not clearing up their dog's mess
- 3. Ongoing fly tipping in layby
- **4.** Worn defibrillator signage
- 5. Crabapples a slip hazard on Benningfield footway
- **6.** Bus stop bench

22.087 Benningfield Green: 1. Annual Licence renewal update

- **2.** Ongoing parking issues
- 22.088 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

22.089 To note items for addition to future agendas

Village archive

22.090 Date of next Parish Council Meeting: Tuesday 1st November, 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Correspondence list for Agenda item 22.084 - for information only (refer to specific agenda items for action)

- Parishioner (16/7): complaint about dog owners not clearing up their dog's mess (22.086.3.2)
- Parishioner: vehicular Damage to Nether Street railings (22.086.2.4)
- Parishioner: Concerns at long delays in EHC Planning determining applications etc (22.082.3.3)
- Parishioner: Road safety concerns on Ware Road by Greenacres (22.071.2.3)
- Parishioner: Safety concerns re Lilly Bridge (22.086.2.5)
- EHC: Proposed change to Litterpicking grant policy (22.083.8)
- Parishioner: Broken kissing gate FP18/Bridleway16 (22.086.1.2)
- Parishioner: Dog walkers on BOAT22/Permissive Path(22.086.2.6)
- Parishioner: word defibrillator signs, crabapples on Benningfield footway, bus top bench (22.086.3)
- Parishioner: Ware Road flooding after rain (22.086.2.7)

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)