

Weston under Wetherley Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 10th December 2014

To all members of the Council

You are summoned to attend a meeting in the Village Hall on Wednesday 10th December 2014 at 7pm for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Maria Norman, Clerk to the Parish Council. Contact westonpcclerk@gmail.com

Members of the public are welcome to attend

Agenda

1. **Apologies:** to receive apologies
2. **Declarations of interest:**
 - a) Register of interests: Councillors are reminded of the need to update their register of interests.
 - b) To declare any personal and pecuniary interests in items on the agenda and their nature. (Councillors with disclosable pecuniary interests must leave the room for the relevant items).
3. **Minutes:** To approve the minutes of the last meeting of the Council on the 10th September 2014
4. **Casual vacancies:** to consider co-opting Mr Robert Atkinson and Mr Stephen Richards as members of the Council.
5. **Dispensations:** to request if not previously applied for, dispensations to discuss the precept.
6. Progress reports:
 - a) **Clerk:**
 - i) alleged financial irregularities
 - ii) blocked drains and gullies;
 - iii) report on pension seminar;
 - iv) dog litter bins;
 - b) **Cllr Haine:**
 - i) to report on proposals for further wildlife habitat improvements based on a survey carried out with Mr Joe Bell and further discussions with Mrs Bren Boardman and Mrs Sue Chambers.
 - ii) to note report posted on the visit by the HS2 Select Committee and preparations for the appearance by the Weston, Offchurch and Cubbington team before the Select Committee expected in the second half of January 2015.
7. **Bank Mandate:** to consider drawing up a new bank mandate with the following provisions:
 - a) Clerk to be primary user on the internet account

- b) Chairman to be secondary user on the internet account
 - c) Signatories to the account(s) to be Maria Norman, Elisabeth Roberts, Sue Chambers, Peter Haine, Brenda Boardman, and if co-opted Robert Atkinson and Stephen Richards
 - d) Cheques and other instructions for payments to be signed by the Clerk and one other Councillor
8. **Notice boards:** In the light of the vandalism to the notice board in St. Michael's Close and the repeated removal of Parish Council notices from both notice boards, to **consider** what action the Council decides appropriate to take.
9. **Habitat improvement:** to consider the proposals to work with the District Council in order to promote sustainable habitats for wildlife (document previously circulated).
10. **Parish Plan Steering Committee:** to consider funding the hire of the Village Hall on Saturday 13th December 2014 for the Public Meeting hosted by the Parish Plan Steering Committee.
11. **Parish Council newsletter:** to consider publishing a new Parish Council newsletter following the Public Meeting in December.
12. **Village entrance signs:** to consider sponsoring an application submitted by the Parish Plan Steering Committee for planning permission to erect the proposed new entrance signs.
13. **Freedom of Information Publication Scheme:** to consider adopting the Freedom of Information Publication Scheme (previously circulated.)
14. **Standing Orders:** to resolve to revise the Standing Orders in accordance with the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014.
15. **External audit:** to receive the external audit report from Grant Thornton (auditors).
16. **Finance:** to consider and approve payments to be made as on the list attached.
17. **Precept:** to consider any amendments to the precept proposals circulated to Councillors
18. **Planning applications:** W/14/0768 Weston House, Weston under Wetherley and to consider any other planning applications that may be received.
19. **Business from members of the public** (that has been notified to the Clerk the Thursday before the meeting).

20. **Councillors' reports and items for future agenda:** each Councillor is invited to use this opportunity to report minor matters of information not included elsewhere on the agenda and to raise items for future agendas. Councillors are respectfully reminded that this is not an opportunity for debate or decision making.

21. Correspondence list

22. Signing of cheques and payment list

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