

WADHURST PARISH COUNCIL

To all members of the Council. You are hereby summoned to attend the annual meeting of Wadhurst Parish Council at **The Pavilion, Sparrows Green Recreation Ground, Wadhurst at 1930 hours on Thursday 18th May 2023** for the transaction of business as set out below.

Signed *Claudine Feltham*

Clerk to Wadhurst Parish Council

Date: 9th May 2023

Residents are welcome to submit any comments by email to the Clerk. These must be received by 4pm on 17th May 2023. E: clerk@wadhurst-pc.gov.uk

AGENDA

1. **Annual Meeting**
 - 1.1 To elect a Chairman for the next council year
 - 1.2 To receive the Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office
 - 1.3 To elect a Vice Chairman for the next council year
 - 1.4 To receive the Vice Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
 - 1.5 To receive Councillors Acceptance of Office, Register of Interest and Acceptance of Summons by email forms.
 - 1.6 To elect a Chairman for the Planning Committee
 - 1.7 To elect members of the Planning Committee
2. To receive apologies and reasons for absence.
3. To receive declarations of personal, prejudicial and disclosable pecuniary interests on items on the agenda and updates to members' register of interests.
4. Public Forum – time limit 15 minutes.
5. County Councillor and District Councillor reports.
6. To consider, and approve if appropriate, which agenda items are sufficiently confidential as to warrant exclusion of members of the press and public under the provisions of the Public Bodies (admissions to meetings) Act 1960.
7. To approve the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 6th April 2023 as a true record.
8. To determine matters arising from the meeting on 6th April 2023 for updating and noting.
9. To consider the future working of parish council committees (with the exception of the Planning Committee) and working parties to ensure best use of both Councillors and Clerks time
10. To elect Council Representatives for the following:
 - Bewl Water
 - Uplands Academy
 - Wadhurst & District Business Association
 - Wadhurst History Society
 - Wadhurst Institute, Hall and Field
 - Sussex Police
 - East Sussex Association of Local Councils
 - Wealden District Association of Local Councils
 - Wealden District Council Parish Planning Panel
 - Wadhurst Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group
11. Chair's Announcements
12. Finance items for decision and allocation of resources
 - 12.1 To approve the updated April 2023 payment list
 - 12.2 To approve the payment list for May 2023

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Note: the usual bank reconciliations will not be completed until the finalisation of the year end accounts and audit.

13. Items for decision and allocation of resources if necessary

- 13.1 To adopt the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 25th March 2023 and 15th April 2023
- 13.2 Jardin d'Aubers lease from ESFR – to consider the draft lease supplied by ESFR and decide upon any alteration requests to go via our solicitor.
- 13.3 To consider the offer from the Estates Office of ESCC to have the ownership of a piece of land (adjacent to the land included within the ESFR Jardin d'Aubers lease) transferred to Wadhurst Parish Council, and agree the fee for the land and a budget to pay our legal expenses.
- 13.4 To consider if the parish council should apply to have the land around the War Memorial registered to the parish council, if Royal British Legion are not doing so. If the decision is to proceed with this, then to agree a budget for any legal expenses.
- 13.5 To consider whether the parish council would consider making an offer to the owners of 'Land west of Styles Lane and south of High Street, Wadhurst, TN5 6DZ' for the community to be used as green space, following planning refusal for 18 dwellings.
- 13.6 Update on the acquisition of St Georges Hall – Cllr Gadd/Cllr C Moore
- 13.7 Bus shelter outside of The Greyhound – to consider the suggestions by the contractor and agree a budget.

14. Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group – verbal update

15. Items for noting

- 15.1 Update on the defibrillator for centre of village - the Clerk
- 15.2 Update on the Commemoration Hall toilets refurbishment – the Clerk
- 15.3 To note the updated meetings schedule list from the Clerk
- 15.4 Update on the lockable lid skip for the recreation ground – Cllr Anderson

16. Correspondence list.

17. Urgent issues at the discretion of the Chair for noting or inclusion on future agenda

*Claudine Feltham
Clerk to Wadhurst Parish Council*