

## FIRLE PARISH COUNCIL

Dear Councillors, you are summoned to attend a meeting of **FIRLE PARISH COUNCIL** to be held on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024, 7.00pm** Firle Village Hall. *Lorna Thwaites*, Firle Parish Clerk, 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2024.

### **To RECEIVE questions from the Public:**

The first ten minutes are available for public participation before the start of the meeting. During this time, members of the public may ask questions or make representations, in respect of business on the agenda. Members of the public may only speak at other points during the meeting if they have knowledge or information that will aid the discussion and will only speak at the Chairman's discretion.

### **AGENDA**

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** To receive and accept apologies for absence.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF ANY INTERESTS AND TO CONSIDER ANY REQUESTS FOR A DISPENSATION WITH RESPECT TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA,** as required by the Members Code of Conduct.
3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:** To RESOLVE that the minutes of the ordinary meeting of Firle Parish Council held on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2024 are a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
4. **FINANCE & ADMIN:**
  - 4.1 To RATIFY payments made in November, AUTHORISE payments to be made in December and to RECEIVE the bank reconciliation.
  - 4.2 To RECEIVE the letter from Lloyds bank re changes to the bank account.
  - 4.3 To RECEIVE and AGREE the NALC pay award 2024-2025.
  - 4.4 To RESOLVE to make a donation to the Village Hall Christmas hamper.
5. **2025-2026 BUDGET AND PRECEPT**
  - 5.1 To DISCUSS and AGREE the 2025-2026 budget.
  - 5.2 To AGREE the precept for 2025-2026.
6. **REPORT(S):** Any written reports to be taken as read.
  - 6.1 To RECEIVE reports from Local and District Councillors and the MP for Lewes.
7. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:** To RECEIVE the following correspondence and AGREE any actions:
  - 7.1 Loss of Lewes Bus Station and impact on your parishioners – Cllr West.
  - 7.2 Speed limit letter to MP – Westmeston Parish Council (via ESALC).
  - 7.3 Transport Forum 18 November – ESALC.
8. **MATTERS ARISING:**
  - 8.1 To AGREE any actions regarding the siting of waste bins for collection in The Street – Cllrs Hill and Barr.
  - 8.2 To PROPOSE a volunteer to be recognised for their contribution by ESCC.
  - 8.3 To AGREE dates from 10 March onwards (excluding April) for a SLR meeting.
  - 8.4 To RECEIVE an update on the parking restriction signs for the wall of The Cottage – Cllrs Barr and Symes.
  - 8.5 To RECEIVE an update on the request to clear the ditch alongside the church spinney wall of saplings and undergrowth.
  - 8.6 To RECEIVE an update further to the request to owners/tenants of properties along The Street and The Dock to cut back vegetation overhanging and blocking the public footpath.
  - 8.7 To RECEIVE an update on the St Peter's Church curtilage visit – Cllr Hill.
  - 8.8 To AGREE the process for the inspections of trees for tree works applications – Cllrs Hill and Symes.
  - 8.9 To AGREE a policy to report anti-social behaviour of motorcyclists along The Old Coach Road BOAT – Cllr Barr.
9. **HIGHWAYS:**
  - 9.1 To RECEIVE an update on the work done to waterproof the Crossways bus shelter – Cllr Barr.
  - 9.2 To RECEIVE any responses re sewage leaking onto Wick Street.
  - 9.3 To RECEIVE an update on the re-painting of the zig-zag markings outside of Firle Primary School (RML1863).
  - 9.4 To RECEIVE the response of National Highways regarding the A27 road closures.
10. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS/TREE WORKS:** To RATIFY or AGREE comments for any applications received:
  - 10.1 **SDNP/24/03760/TCA** Proposal: Holm oak (T1) - Fell to ground level Location: Preston House , Wick Street, Firle, East Sussex, BN8 6LG. To RATIFY the comments of Firle Parish Council: To remain NEUTRAL with the following comment: An alternative tree should be planted as soon as possible after felling of T1
  - 10.2 **SDNP/24/04381/TCA** Proposal: T1 Cedar: Fell to stump, due to concerns over wind firmness, if Cypress hedge is removed. T2 Cedar: Fell to stump, due to concerns over wind firmness, if Cypress hedge is removed. T3 Ash: Fell to stump. Remove to replace with new native hedgerow. T4 Cypress: x48no. forming lapsed hedgerow. Fell to stump. Remove to replace with new native hedgerow. T5 Malus: Fell & remove

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stump, to extend driveway. Replace with suitable fruit tree. T6 Malus: Fell & remove stump, to install new pathway. Replace with suitable fruit tree. T7 Malus: Fell & remove stump, to install new pathway. Replace with suitable fruit tree. T8 Malus: Fell & remove stump, to install new pathway. Replace with suitable fruit tree. T9 Ash: Fell to stump. Remove to replace with new native hedgerow. T10 Cypress: Fell & remove stump, to create new vegetable plot. Location: Trosley Lodge , The Street, Firle, East Sussex, BN8 6LQ: To RATIFY the comments - The Council AGREED to remain Neutral with the following comments: Firle Parish Council requests that the new native hedgerow and the 4 replacement fruit trees are planted as soon as possible after felling of the ten trees.

10.3 **SDNP/24/04664/TCA** Proposal: T1 - Ash - Fell to base due to advanced disease progression Location: Old Vicarage, The Street, Firle, East Sussex, BN8 6NR (comments by 13 December)

10.4 **SDNP/24/04671/TCA** Proposal: T1. Bay. Ornamental planting to front of property that has become oversized for location and proximity to dwelling. Heavy shade cast & roots lifting garden path. Remove and replace with something more appropriate. Location: Little Talland, The Street, Firle, East Sussex, BN8 6NT (comments by 13 December).

10.5 **SDNP/24/04663/TCA** Proposal: T1. Ash: Fell to Base: Severe canopy decline due to Ash Dieback T2-T4. Sycamore: Standing dead trees to be removed Location: Street Record, The Dock, Firle, East Sussex, (comments by 13 December).

### 11. PROJECTS:

#### 11.1 School Footpath

11.1.1 To RECEIVE an update on the DINPP request and to DISCUSS access requirements for the footpath.

#### 11.2 Assets of Community Value

11.2.1 To RECEIVE an update on the nomination of Firle Playing Fields Area as an ACV – Cllr Lance.

### 12. TO AGREE ITEMS FOR THE PARISH MAGAZINE.

### 13. TO PROPOSE AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING OF FIRLE PARISH COUNCIL.

### 14. TO RECEIVE THE TIME AND DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF FIRLE PARISH COUNCIL.

### 15. TO CLOSE THE MEETING.