

# **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> October 2023, 7.00pm** Firle Village Hall. *Lorna Thwaites*, Firle Parish Clerk, Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

## **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 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2023 are a correct record and signed by the Chair.
- 4. FINANCE:**
  - 4.1 To AUTHORISE payments to be made in October and to RECEIVE and SIGN the bank reconciliation.
  - 4.2 To RECEIVE an update on actual spend vs 2023-2024 budget.
  - 4.3 To RECEIVE notification of exempt status 2023 from PKF Littlejohn LLP.
  - 4.4 To RESOLVE to appoint an auditor for 2023-2024.
  - 4.5 To AGREE donation/purchase of poppy wreath or other commemorative items for Remembrance Sunday.
  - 4.6 To RESOLVE to invite applications for grant awards to Firle Parish Council.
- 5. REPORT(S):**
  - 5.1 To RECEIVE reports from Local and District Councillors and the MP for Lewes.
- 6. MATTERS ARISING WITH FIRLE ESTATE:**
  - 6.1 To RATIFY the decision to add Firle Parish Council to a communication prepared by Firle Community Association to Firle Estate.
  - 6.2 To RECEIVE correspondence 'Firle Residents Communication' from Firle Estate.
  - 6.3 To RATIFY the decision of Firle Parish Council Members made via email, for Cllr Liz Hill to attend the meeting with Firle Estate in a listening capacity and to report back to Firle Parish Council.
  - 6.4 To RECEIVE a report of the meeting held by Firle Estate with tenants and stakeholders within the Parish – Cllr Liz Hill.
  - 6.5 To AGREE any actions for Firle Parish Council arising from this meeting.
- 7. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:** To RECEIVE the following correspondence and AGREE any actions:
  - 7.1 What matters to you – the ESCC Adult Social Care Strategy.
  - 7.2 DLUHC Consultation on Local Plans.
  - 7.3 LDC Policy and Performance Committee Advisory Committee Southern Water Panel.
  - 7.4 National Trust Changing Chalk – Community Grants Scheme.
  - 7.5 PCC/Police/ESALC Focus Groups.
  - 7.6 Electrical Safety Fund Opening – 2023.
  - 7.7 Lewes District Council – Review of Polling Places and Polling Districts.
  - 7.8 Firle Churchyard.
- 8. HIGHWAYS:**
  - 8.1 To RECEIVE an update on Wick Street signage.
  - 8.2 To RECEIVE an update on the work to the bus stop at South Heighton – Cllr Barr.
  - 8.3 To RECEIVE an update regarding the blocked drain from the Vicarage to Firle Village Hall – Cllr Barr.
  - 8.4 To RECEIVE an update on the request to Firle Estate to remove overhanging tree foliage on Wick Street.
  - 8.5 To RECEIVE planned road works/closures from ESCC.
  - 8.6 To RECEIVE an update on the drainage at Firle where water accumulates quickly at Crossways – Cllr Lance.
  - 8.7 To DISCUSS the re-instatement of a grass verge just before Crossways – Cllr Lance.
- 9. MATTERS ARISING:**
  - 9.1 To RESOLVE to put the minutes on the noticeboard by the Village Shop but not on the other noticeboards.
  - 9.2 To RECEIVE an update on proposed location for the planting of the Coronation Grove from Firle Estate.
  - 9.3 To RECEIVE an update from Firle Estate on the work needed to the gates from the Playing Fields car park into Firle Park and the Ram Field – Cllr Barr.
  - 9.4 To RECEIVE an update on the Citizen's Advice outreach service held in Firle.

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## **10. PROJECTS:**

### **10.1 Parish Priority Statements**

- 10.1.1 To RECEIVE an update on the progress of the working group on the questionnaire designed to survey parishioners on village priorities.

### **10.2 20sPlenty for Firle**

- 10.2.1 To RECEIVE an update the first meeting of the working group – Cllr Symes and Lance.

### **10.3 Assets of Community Value**

- 10.3.1 To RECEIVE an update on the progress of nominating Firle Village Hall as an Asset of Community Value – Cllr Symes and Lance.

### **10.4 Development of a Footpath to Firle Primary School**

- 10.4.1 To RECEIVE the response from Karl Taylor, Asst. Director Operations, Communities, Economy and Transport.

## **11. PLANNING APPLICATIONS: To AGREE comments for any applications received.**

## **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.**