

FIRLE PARISH COUNCIL

Dear Councillors, you are summoned to attend a meeting of **FIRLE PARISH COUNCIL** to be held on **Tuesday 13th December 2022, 7.00pm** Firle Village Hall. *Lorna Thwaites*, Firle Parish Clerk, Wednesday 7th December 2022

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 INTEREST:** To RECEIVE any declarations of interest in respect of 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 8th November 2022 are a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
- 4. REPORTS:**
 - 4.1 To RECEIVE reports from Local and District Councillors and the MP for Lewes.
- 5. REVIEW OF ARRANGEMENTS AND LEGAL AGREEMENT WITH FIRLE VILLAGE HALL AND PLAYING FIELDS**
 - 5.1 To RECEIVE an update from FVHPFC regarding insurance, fencing and maintenance/safety inspections.
 - 5.2 To AGREE amendments to the Firle Village Hall and Playing Fields Legal Agreement resulting from agenda item 5.1.
 - 5.3 To AGREE any actions to be undertaken by FPC resulting from agenda item 5.1.
- 6. MATTERS ARISING:**
 - 6.1 To RECEIVE an update from Firle Estate on the state of the pavement from the shop down to the wishing well at the bottom of the Dock, which has been covered in brambles and difficult to use.
 - 6.2 To RECEIVE information from Firle Estate on their plans to introduce visitor parking charges.
 - 6.3 To RECEIVE an update on the restoration of the village sign.
 - 6.4 To RECEIVE an update on the storage of Parish Council items at The Keep.
 - 6.5 To DISCUSS the state of the drains between the village hall and the Vicarage.
 - 6.6 To DISCUSS water at the bottom of the junction of the A27.
 - 6.7 To agree for the Clerk to write to Firle Estate for an update with regard to the felling work at the Nature Reserve and when access may once again be permitted – Cllr Symes.
- 7. TO DISCUSS THE LACK OF THE FIRLE ESTATE PARISH PLAN AND ITS POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES TO FIRLE PARISH COUNCIL – Cllr Gravett**
- 8. SUB LEASE OF PLAYING FIELDS TO FIRLE CRICKET CLUB**
 - 8.1 To RECEIVE an update on the Sublease with Firle Cricket Club.
 - 8.2 To RESOLVE to adopt the Sublease for Firle Cricket Club.
- 9. FINANCE**
 - 9.1 To AUTHORISE payments to be made in December and to RECEIVE and SIGN the bank reconciliation.
 - 9.2 To AGREE the budget and Precept for 2023-2024.
 - 9.3 To AGREE the Clerk's salary and pension payment schedule until March 2023.
- 10. LOCAL ELECTIONS 2023**
 - 10.1 Overview of Elections 2023
 - 10.2 Casual Vacancies as of Wednesday 9th November 2022 – the six-month rule.
- 11. HIGHWAYS:**
 - 11.1 To RECEIVE an update from Cllr Denis on the question raised over opening the public toilets at the Ram Inn.
 - 11.2 To RECEIVE an update on the removal of the traffic island.
 - 11.3 To RECEIVE an update on the overflowing sewer by Gibraltar Farm.
 - 11.4 To RECEIVE an update on the work undertaken by ESH further to the signage review and the request for warning signs for pedestrians in the road, along the Bostal Road – Cllr Hill.
 - 11.5 To RECEIVE any updates on the shields to the lights on the A27 at the Firle Junction.
- 12. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:**
 - 12.1 Email response to Draft Minutes of 8th November from Bob Baines, Estate Director, Firle Estate.
 - 12.2 Notification of External Auditor Appointment.
- 13. GRANT AWARDS:**
 - 13.1 To RESOLVE to make a grant award of £100 for the Village Hall Christmas Hamper – Cllr Barr.

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14. 20sPLENTY CAMPAIGN

14.1 To AGREE actions further to the Resolution of Firle Parish Council to support the 20sPlenty Campaign in East Sussex.

15. POLICIES

15.1 To RESOLVE to amend the Standing Orders to read 'Meetings shall not exceed a period of 2.5 hours' – Cllr Gravett.

16. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

16.1 To AGREE comments for any applications received:

17. HR MATTERS

17.1 To AGREE the Clerk's leave over the Christmas period.

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

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

20. TO CLOSE THE MEETING.