

# **FIRLE PARISH COUNCIL**

Dear Councillors, you are summoned to attend a meeting of **FIRLE PARISH COUNCIL** to be held on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023, 7.00pm** Firle Village Hall. *Lorna Thwaites*, Firle Parish Clerk, Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 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 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023 are a correct record and signed by the Chair.
- 4. FINANCE:**
  - 4.1 To CONFIRM the payment arrangements for the donation of £50 to the Royal British Legion for the Poppy Appeal.
  - 4.2 To AUTHORISE payments to be made in November and to RECEIVE and SIGN the bank reconciliation.
  - 4.3 To AGREE budget priorities for 2024-2025 and to consider first thoughts on the precept.
  - 4.4 To RECEIVE confirmation of the submission of the 2022 – 2023 VAT return.
- 5. GRANT AWARDS:**
- 6. REPORT(S):**
  - 6.1 To RECEIVE reports from Local and District Councillors and the MP for Lewes.
- 7. FIRLE ESTATE:**
  - 7.1 To RECEIVE an update on the village gathering with Firle Estate -Cllr Hill.
- 8. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:** To RECEIVE the following correspondence and AGREE any actions:
  - 8.1 Bus Stop Disrepair – Firle.
  - 8.2 Bus Shelter.
  - 8.3 Investment in Better Roads for East Sussex.
  - 8.4 Footpath in Firle.
  - 8.5 Sussex Police.
  - 8.6 Woodland Trust – Free Trees.
  - 8.7 Verge at Crossways.
  - 8.8 Local Government Services Pay Agreement 2023.
- 9. HIGHWAYS:**
  - 9.1 To RECEIVE an update on Wick Street signage.
  - 9.2 To RECEIVE an update on the work to the bus stop at South Heighton – Cllr Barr.
  - 9.3 To RECEIVE an update regarding the blocked drain from the Vicarage to Firle Village Hall – Cllr Barr.
  - 9.4 To RECEIVE an update on the drainage where water accumulates at Crossways and other areas of the village – Cllrs Lance and Hill.
  - 9.5 To RESOLVE to contact ESCC Highways to attend to the dangerous verge-side potholes along Ripe Lane and to RESOLVE to ask Firle Estate to cut back Adder Wood next to Ripe Lane.
  - 9.6 Temporary Road Closure – C13 Ripe Lane, 16 – 18 Dec 2023.
  - 9.7 A27 Beddingham to Firle resurfacing.
- 10. MATTERS ARISING:**
  - 10.1 To RECEIVE an update on proposed location for the planting of the Coronation Grove from Firle Estate.
  - 10.2 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.
  - 10.3 To RESOLVE to ask the owners of The Cottage to put 'no parking on the pavement' signs on their wall – Cllr Barr.
- 11. PROJECTS:**
  - 11.1 Parish Priority Statements**
    - 11.1.1 To RECEIVE an update on the progress of the working group on the questionnaire designed to survey parishioners on village priorities.
  - 11.2 20sPlenty for Firle**

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- 11.2.1 To RECEIVE a report of the first meeting of the working group – Cllr Symes and Lance.
- 11.2.2 To RESOLVE for the working group to identify areas for a 20mph speed limit in the village.
- 11.2.3 To RESOLVE to apply for a feasibility study for a 20mph speed limit in the village.

### **11.3 Assets of Community Value**

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

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

#### **12.1 SDNP/23/04324/TCA** (deadline for comments 14<sup>th</sup> Nov 23)

**Location:** Church House The Street Firle East Sussex BN8 6LP

**Proposal:** Yew (T1) - Whole crown reduction by average of 0.50 metres to form an asymmetric and aesthetically pleasing shape to reduce shading, and crown lifting to approx. 2 metres above ground level to provide access beneath canopy

### **13. TO AGREE ITEMS FOR THE PARISH MAGAZINE.**

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

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

### **16. TO CLOSE THE MEETING.**