

Dear Councillors, you are summoned to attend a meeting of **FIRLE PARISH COUNCIL** to be held on **Tuesday 9th April 2024, 7.00pm** Firle Village Hall. ~~Lorna Thwaites~~, Firle Parish Clerk, Wednesday 3rd April 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 12th March 2024 are a correct record and signed by the Chair.
4. **FINANCE/ADMIN:**
 - 4.1 To AUTHORISE payments to be made in April and to RECEIVE and SIGN the bank reconciliation.
 - 4.2 To RECEIVE the date of the 2024 Internal Audit.
 - 4.3 To RESOLVE to that Firle Parish Council meets the criteria to declare itself exempt from the Annual Return 2023/24 (gross annual income or expenditure to not exceed £25,000).
 - 4.4 To RECEIVE the end of year finance report of actual spend vs budget.
 - 4.5 To AGREE the agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on Tuesday 14th May 2024.
5. **GRANT AWARDS/S137.**
6. **REPORT(S):**
 - 6.1 To RECEIVE reports from Local and District Councillors and the MP for Lewes.
 - 6.2 To RECEIVE a summary from Cllr Liz Hill on the workshop attended on the future of the planning system.
7. **FIRLE ESTATE:**
8. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:**
 - 8.1 SDNPA Renewable Energy Study.
 - 8.2 Lease to Firle Parish Council and Sublease to Cricket Club.
 - 8.3 The Oaktree Federation.
 - 8.4 Lewes PCSO.
 - 8.5 Changing Chalk Community Grants Scheme.
9. **HIGHWAYS:**
 - 9.1 To RECEIVE the latest communication on Wick Street signage.
 - 9.2 To RECEIVE an update on the quote and repairs required to the bus shelter at Crossways – Cllrs Barr.
 - 9.3 To RECEIVE an update on drainage and potholes in the parish and further actions taken – Cllr Hill.
 - 9.4 To RECEIVE an update on further actions taken regarding the dangerous verge-side potholes along Ripe Lane – Cllr Barr.
10. **MATTERS ARISING:**
 - 10.1 To RECEIVE an update on the written permission of the owners of The Cottage granting permission to place a parking restriction sign on their wall.
 - 10.2 To RECEIVE the outcome of the reporting of the surface of the road by Middle Farm to National Highways and to agree any further actions or close the matter.
11. **PROJECTS:**
 - 11.1 **School Footpath**
 - 11.1.1 To RECEIVE an update on the expression of interest form sent to the Firle Estate Director – Cllr Hill.
 - 11.1.2 To RECEIVE any further updates if available on the progress of the footpath including CIL funding/grant application and installation quotes and to AGREE next steps and actions.
 - 11.2 **Plenty for Firle**
 - 11.2.1 To RECEIVE a short report on logistics and costs associated with implementing 20mph zones vs installing road signage requesting slowing and speed/alerting drivers to other road users – Cllr Symes.
 - 11.2.2 To AGREE any further actions.
 - 11.3 **Assets of Community Value**

11.3.1 To RECEIVE an update on the progress of nominating the Ram Inn as an Asset of Community Value
– Cllr Lance.

12. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS:** To AGREE comments for applications received:
13. **TO AGREE ITEMS FOR THE PARISH MAGAZINE.**
14. **TO PROPOSE ANY ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING OF FIRLE PARISH COUNCIL AND TO AGREE THE START TIME (to start after the Annual Parish Meeting).**
15. **TO RECEIVE THE TIME AND DATE OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AND THE ANNUAL MEETING OF FIRLE PARISH COUNCIL.**
16. **TO CLOSE THE MEETING.**