

FLETCHING PARISH COUNCIL

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8th January 2025

FLETCHING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - Monday 13th January 2025

To Members of the Fletching Parish Council: You are summoned to attend a meeting of Fletching Parish Council on Monday 13th January 2025, 6.30pm at the Pavilion, Fletching Recreation Ground, Church Street, Fletching.

Signed: *Gabriella Paterson-Griggs*, Clerk and RFO

Public Questions

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

This meeting may be audio recorded for the purpose of minute taking

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence as reported at the meeting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive Declarations of Interest in respect of items on the agenda, as required by the Members' Code of Conduct.

3. MINUTES

To resolve that the minutes of the meetings held on 9th December 2024 as circulated on the agenda are confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING

Update on any matters arising from the last meeting not covered elsewhere on the agenda. To note any action taken or agree further action to be taken.

5. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

To receive a report from the County Councillor Roy Galley.

6. REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

To receive a report from District Councillor Christina Coleman.

7. WORKING GROUPS / EXTERNAL GROUPS

To receive reports/updates from the Working Groups and External Bodies:

- i. Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Hannay
- ii. Fletching Recreation Ground Committee – Clerk

8. COMMUNITY RESILIENCE PLAN

To approve the Community Resilience Plan for Fletching

9. CORRESPONDENCE / CONSULTATIONS RECEIVED

To note any correspondence / consultations received since the last meeting and agreed any actions:

- i. Wealden District Council: Wealden's Climate Green Paper – consultation
- ii. MHCLG: Strengthening the standards and conduct framework for local government – consultation
- iii. Transport for South-East: Draft Transport Strategy – consultation
- iv. MHCLG: English Devolution White Paper

10. FINANCE AND ASSETS

- i. To approve the invoices and payments for January 2025 and note the Council's current financial position and bank reconciliation.

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- ii. To adopt Level 1 allowances as recommended by the report of the Wealden Parish Independent Remuneration Panel
- iii. To approve the budget and precept for 2025/26
- iv. Chairman to confirm and sign the precept request from WDC for submission by 14th January 2025

11. BURIAL GROUND

- i. To approve any requests or permits for the Burial Ground.
- ii. General Grounds Maintenance – to consider the current contractor's quote for various aspects of additional grounds maintenance for the burial ground

PLANNING AND LICENSING

12. ENFORCEMENT – PLANNING AND DRAINAGE

To discuss any issues/updates raised related to suspected breaches of planning or other regulations.

13. PLANNING APPLICATIONS - RECEIVED

To agree comments to be submitted to Wealden District Council for the following applications:

- i. **WD/2024/2539/FR Woodside, North Hall Lane, Fletching**
Retrospective application for a change of use of parcel of land from agricultural to residential.
Retrospective application to retain secure store for bicycles and garden machinery. (Comments to be submitted by 14 January 2025)
- ii. **WD/2024/2695/FA Malling Farm, Down Street, Piltdown TN22 3XU**
Variation of condition 2 of WD/2024/0103/F to make minor amendments to the siting of the proposed development. (Comments to be submitted by 14 January 2025)

14. PLANNING APPLICATIONS - DECISIONS

To note the planning application decisions from Wealden District Council received since the last meeting(s):

Applications Approved

- i. **WD/2022/1491/F Byerly, Large Barn, Bell Lane, Fletching TN22 3YB**
Proposed conversion of a redundant barn to a single residential dwelling together with associated landscaping. (APPROVED 20 December 2024)

Applications Refused

- i. **WD/2024/2301/F Piltdown Cottage, Golf Club Lane, Piltdown TN22 3XB**
Proposed two storey rear extension and internal alterations. (REFUSED 12 December 2024)

Officer Response to the Parish Council

While the Parish Council's support is noted, WDC cannot agree with their comments on the design of the proposed development. As outlined below, the extension would add an overly large and bulky two-storey element to the rear of the property which would be at odds with the linear character of the existing cottage. Its roof form would also be unsympathetic and contrived. While there is no objection to the principle of a two-storey extension at the property, this design is not appropriate and cannot be supported. It is also noted that while the extension would not be visible from the highway, it would be readily visible from the adjacent public right of way, particularly in the autumn and winter when trees and shrubs have lost their leaves.

Applications Withdrawn

- i. **WD/2024/2122/F Moses Farm, Goldbridge Road, Piltdown TN22 3XN**
Construction of two new self-build dwellings on vacant land east of Moses Farmhouse with associated landscape works. (WITHDRAWN 19 December 2024)

15. ITEMS FOR THE PARISH MAGAZINE

To agree any items to be included in future editions of the Parish Magazine

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16. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

To discuss and note any future agenda items

17. TIME AND DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

To agree the time and dates of the next meeting of the Parish Council.