

Wheathampstead Parish Council

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19 February 2016

To: All Councillors

Cllrs: D Johnston (Chairman), A Brewster, G Clark, A Dante, D Davies, E Habib, L Halford, S Haynes, T Reason, J Shardlow, P Wilby, P Woodhams

Notice of Meeting

You are hereby summoned to a **Meeting of the Parish Council** to be held in the **Hewitt Room** on **Thursday 25 February 2016 at 7.30pm.**



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Agenda

- 1 Apologies for absence**
- 2 Specific Declarations of Interests and Dispensations**
- 3 Public Speaking**
- 4 Minutes of Council**
To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 28 January 2016(attached).
- 5 Minutes of Committee Meetings**
To receive the minutes of Committees and approve notes of the following Steering Group meetings.

Community Involvement Committee	22 February 2016
Planning Committee	15 February 2016
Neighbourhood Plan SG	8 February 2016
Village Weekend WG	2 February 2016
Maintenance Committee	29 February 2016
Wheathampstead Community Safety Forum	11 November2015, 17 Feb
- 9 Cherry Tree Lane – Flood alleviation**
HCC plans for drainage solution have been circulated. WPC permission required

for works on Parish owned Common Lane. HCC to be responsible for works and upkeep of drainage solution. Recommend approval

10 Review of Training and Development Policy (attached)

Recommendation to approve the Training and Development Policy

11 Review of Bench Policy (attached)

Recommendation to approve the policy

12 Agree Branding/Corporate Identity Logo Policy (attached)

Recommendation to approve the policy

13 Consider banner request from Regiment Fitness.

Details attached. This has come to Council for approval as Regiment Fitness is a commercial organisation. It pays to use WPC facilities and participants received health and social benefits. Recommend approval.

14 Consider request to reduce hire rate from Ramblers Association Hertfordshire & North Middlesex

Details attached. Council is reminded to consider the implications of any precedents set by approving this request

15 Cubs 2k and 5k Centenary fun run 30 April

Details attached, this event is beneficial to local cubs and scouts as well as the movement more generally. Council is reminded to consider the implications of any precedents set by approving this request and reminded of its previous discussions of similar events.

16 St Helen's Church request for financial support (attached).

Retrospective grant request to fund repairs to the church clock (visible to all passers by). The clock was funded in years past by WPC under the Parish Councils Act 1957 s2. The grant policy precluding retrospective funding comes effective from 1 April.

17 Review of Regiment Fitness hiring increase 2016

Hire charges, mostly with an inflationary increase, were approved for 2016 -7 at Finance Committee on 9 November .RF charges were to be significantly above inflation. Comparative charges for similar use at local parishes is appended. Councillors are asked to reconsider the charges agreed

18 Consultations

Notification of consultations for consideration.

19 Reports on training and meetings

Reports from councillors

20 Accounts and Finance Reports (attached for consideration and approval).

21 Exclusion of Press and Public

In accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the item set out below on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the general interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

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