

Wheathampstead Parish Council

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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 28 April 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 25 February (attached).
- 5 Minutes of Committee Meetings**
To receive the minutes of Committees and approve notes of the following Steering Group meetings.

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| Community Involvement Committee | 18 April 2016 |
| Planning Committee | 26 April 2016 |
| Neighbourhood Plan SG | 4 April 2016 |
| Nomansland Joint Committee | 14 April 2016 |
- 9 Amwell bridleway**
Council is being asked to reconsider the decision on 31 March (Minute 4596-16) to support the provision of a permissive bridleway exiting onto Nomansland

Common adjacent to Amwell Farm in the light of new information from local residents. Standing Order 11a requires a special motion bearing the signatures of seven councillors or more before the decision can be revisited (details attached).

10 Request to improve drainage on common land adjacent to 8 Cherry Tree lane

Details attached. HCC/Ringway have scheduled works to build a holding ditch on the west side of Cherry Tree Lane. Residents have requested permission that they construct, and return to original common state, a soakaway adjacent to their access. Council to consider this request, details attached.

11 Easement Cherry Tree Lane

To approve negotiations for an easement for 8 Cherry Tree Lane allowing permissive access to the property.

12 Access Bower Heath

Council to consider new access at Bower Heath, details attached. Proposal is to allow a new access track at Bower Heath subject to negotiation

13 Review of Risk Toolkit (attached)

As discussed at January and March Council the risk management toolkit had been reviewed and updated. (attached) Recommendation to approve and adopt the risk toolkit

14 Bus timetable changes

Representations have been received from a number of local residents about timetable changes. Details attached. Council recommended to lobby for change/return to earlier timings which fit better around school times. New timetable means many children arrive before school gates open or after registration

15 Pensions Pooling

The Parish Council is currently a member of the pooling arrangement that shares risks across the local council sector in Hertfordshire.

If members want to remain in this pooling arrangement then this needs to be agreed by resolution.

There are potentially significant financial risks if the Parish Council decided to withdraw from these arrangements. The final sentence of page one, on deaths in service, is particularly relevant as these benefits (at x3 annual salary) would have a potentially hugely significant effect on the Parish Council's contribution rates.

The clear recommendation, on risk management and potential financial exposure grounds, is that the Parish Council remains in the pooling arrangement.

Letter attached, pdf:

<https://www.yourpension.org.uk/Admin/Public/Download.aspx?file=Files%2FFiles%2FHerts+files%2FFund+Info%2FParish++Town+Council+Pooling+Policy.pdf>

16 Land Registration

Recommendation to employ professional services to register all remaining Parish Council owned land. This to be funded from the budget headings professional services and land registration. Details attached

17 Accounts and Finance Reports

Attached for consideration and approval.

18 Consultations

Notification of consultations for consideration.

19 Reports on training and meetings

Reports from councillors