



# WISTON PARISH COUNCIL



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Councillors are hereby summoned to attend the

## **Wiston Parish Council Meeting**

**7.00pm, Wednesday, 18th September 2024, at the Meeting Place**

When the following business will be considered and transacted:

### **Agenda**

- 24.33. To consider accepting apologies for absence
- 24.34. To record declarations of interest from Members in any item to be discussed
- 24.35. To Approve the Minutes of the Full Parish Council Meeting of 10th July 2024
- 24.36. To adjourn the meeting to allow public participation
- 24.37. To receive reports from County and District Councillors
- 24.38. Highways and Footpaths
- 24.39. Planning matters
- 24.40. Finance
- 24.41. Community matters
- 24.42. Correspondence
- 24.43. Information items
- 24.44. Meeting dates for the year ahead

Matthew Thomas ..... Clerk

## **PRESS AND PUBLIC WELCOME TO ATTEND**

Please Note: All papers relating to this meeting are available to download from the Parish Council website at: <https://www.wistonvillage.org.uk/parish-council>

## **Agenda notes:**

- 24.33 To consider accepting apologies for absence.**  
Apologies have been received from Cllr. Paul Marshall and Cllr. Alan Manton.
- 24.34 To record declarations of interest from Members in any item to be discussed.**
- 24.35 To Approve the Minutes of the Full Parish Council Meeting of 10th July 2024**  
These are available to view and download on the Council's webpage.
- 24.36 To adjourn the meeting to allow public participation**
- 24.37 To receive reports from County and District Councillors**
- 24.38 Highways and Footpaths**
- 24.38.1 Water Lane footway: Overhanging Vegetation:** Cllr Goring has proposed entering into an informal arrangement with a local householder, whereby they are offered a sum (to be agreed) to cut back the vegetation along the Water Lane footway during late June / early July in 2025. At present County Highways cut the verge once in late August, by which time the path is barely passable. The local householder in question kindly carried out the work on their own initiative and expense this July. They have not yet been approached about the proposal.
- 24.38.2 Hole Street Speed Indicator Device:** Despite Cllr Garner's best efforts, the SID in Hole Street remains inactive. Two options to rectify the situation are proposed:
1. Buy and fit two new batteries, at a cost of approx. £50, and cut back the surrounding vegetation.
  2. Investigate the possibility of using an extension lead to move the solar panel to a pole or tree, at a better illuminated position on the south side of the hedge.
- 24.39 Planning Matters**  
There are no other outstanding planning matters to date.
- 24.40 Finance**
- 24.40.1 Approved payments since 30th April 2024:**

Balance b fwd	£11,809
Total receipts	£0
Total payments	£667
Balance per bank statement 30/04/24	£11,142
Of which reserves	£7,714
Prepared by	M Thomas
Approved by	

Date	Payee	Amount
15/07/24	Moore - late submission of AGAR	£48.00
30/07/24	HMRC PAYE/NIC	£49.60
30/07/24	Litter warden	£54.66
30/07/24	Clerk	£199.08
30/07/24	Litter warden - bin bags	£2.70
02/08/24	HSBC - bank charges	£5.00
31/08/24	HMRC PAYE/NIC	£49.80
31/08/24	Clerk	£198.88
31/08/24	Litter Warden	£54.66
02/09/24	HSBC - bank charges	£5.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£667.38</b>

#### 24.40.2 **Latest Bank Statement for approval**

The July/August bank statement is available on the Parish Council's webpage and will need to be signed by the Chair at the meeting.

#### 24.41 **Community matters**

24.41.1 **Broadband Speeds:** The results of the Wiston Parish survey (reported to the 10th July meeting) were sent to Andrew Griffiths MP. Mr Griffiths has not commented on it specifically but has offered to attend a future Parish Council meeting to discuss it and other matters (see below).

24.41.2 **Sewage Discharge into Honeybridge Stream:** Following the discussion at the 10th July Full Council meeting, The sewage discharge data for Ashington Wastewater Treatment works was reported to Andrew Griffiths MP. His reply of 2nd August and the subsequent response from the Environment Agency is available to read and download from the Parish Council's webpage.

Mr Griffiths has offered to attend a future Parish Council meeting to discuss sewage issues and any other matters the council wishes to raise. He is normally available on either a Thursday evening or Saturday morning.

## 24.42 Correspondence

24.42.1 **Adur Adaptation Project:** On 30th July the council received an email from Tara Dawson to introduce the Adur Adaptation project. This 'aims to enhance flood resilience and biodiversity within the River Adur catchment'. The email and further information on the project is available to read and download from the Parish Council's webpage.

24.42.2 **Proposed reforms to national planning policy:** On 20th August the council received an email from Roger Smith, Trustee of CPRE Sussex. It alerts the council to the fact that 'The Government's Open consultation 'Proposed reforms to the National Planning Policy Framework and other changes to the planning system' opened 30th July, closing 24th September at 11.45pm, and that the proposed reforms and changes would result in a 41.1% increase in the number of houses that would have to [be] accommodate[d] in Horsham District.'

The email and accompanying CPRE briefing note are available to read and download from the Parish Council's webpage.

Horsham District Council has also summarised the main changes proposed by the Government and Officers' initial views of these changes and how they may impact the Council. This document is available to read and download from the Parish Council's webpage.

The Government consultation document can be viewed at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/proposed-reforms-to-the-national-planning-policy-framework-and-other-changes-to-the-planning-system>

- 24.42.3 **Ash Dieback Clearance:** On 27th August the council received a letter from West Sussex County Council about tree felling at Water Lane. This is scheduled to start on Monday 18th November for two days, between the hours of 09:30 -15:30, under a full road closure. At all other times, the road will be open as normal. The letter is available to read and download from the Parish Council's webpage.
- 24.42.4 **Speed Limits:** A local resident has written to the council asking whether the speed limit could be reduced on Water Lane, particularly near Buncton Church and the old post office. It is currently 40 but he recommends that 30 or even 20 would be much safer. He further states that Water Lane has become something of a 'rat run' since Ashington was by-passed and the council needs to be proactive as the roads get busier.
- 24.43 **Information items.** Councillors' opportunity to raise matters note already discussed and to suggest items for inclusion on the next meeting agenda.
- 24.44 **Meeting dates for the year ahead:** Future dates for Full Council meetings:  
Wednesday 6th November