

To: Members of Westhorpe Parish Council

You are duly summoned to attend the Westhorpe Parish Council meeting to be held on Tuesday 23 January 2024 at the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Public Participation:

The public are invited to give their views and question the Parish Council on agenda issues or raise matters for future consideration at the discretion of the Chairman before the start of the Council meeting. Members of the public may not take part in the Parish Council meeting itself. All members of the press and public are cordially invited to attend.

AGENDA

1. Apologies and approval of absences
2. Declarations of interest and dispensation considerations
3. Minutes of Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 28 November 2023 previously circulated and taken as read – to consider, approve and sign.
4. Speed Indicator Device (SID) update – Cllr Brown
5. County Councillor Report
6. District Councillor Report
7. Planning Update
 - 7.1 DC/23/00549 Shrubbery Farm, Walsham Road, Westhorpe, Stowmarket, Suffolk IP14 4SZ The Parish Council unanimously agreed to support this application. The application is currently awaiting a decision.
 - 7.2 DC/22/2190 HYB Shepherds Grove Bury Road Stanton Suffolk
The Parish Council submitted their observations on 18 February 2023. The application is currently awaiting a decision from West Suffolk District Council.
 - 7.3 DC/23/05193 and DC/23/05077 Bacton Middle School. The developer wishes to vary their application. The Parish Council's objections to the variation were submitted on 7 December 2023. The application is currently awaiting a decision.
8. Precept Discussion. Review budget and agree precept for 2024/2025.
9. Schedule of Parish Council Meetings. Agree a schedule of meetings for 2024.
10. Flooding Update. The Chairman to update the Parish Council on the latest developments.
11. Clerk's Salary. The clerk's current hourly rate is £11.32 per hour. As from April 2024 the national minimum wage is £11.44 per hour.

12. Finance Update

12.1 Review financial reconciliation as at 31 December 2023

12.2 The following payments have been made since the 28 November 2023 meeting.

a) 30.11.23 Cheque number 100464 - £16.00 Westhorpe Village Hall for the hire of the hall.

b) 7.12.23 Cheque number 100465 - £200.00 Westhorpe Village Hall (contribution to new website).

c) 24.12.23 Cheque Number 100466 - £441.48 to Mark Eggleton (clerk's salary).

13. Questions for the Chairman

14. Date of next meeting. To be confirmed.

Mark Eggleton Clerk to Westhorpe Parish Council