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**NORTHCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
TO BE HELD ON  
MONDAY 9<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2023 AT 7.00 pm AT SOCIAL  
CENTRE, BELL LANE, NORTHCHURCH, HP4 3RD**

**To Councillors:**

Mark Somervail                      Vice Chair  
Beryl Edwards  
Neil Pocock  
Gordon Godfrey  
Susan Rees  
Lara Pringle  
Michela Capozzi

Dear Councillors

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of Northchurch Parish Council on Monday 9<sup>TH</sup> January 2023 at 7.00 pm for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Usha Kilich  
Proper Officer

Dated 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023

## **AGENDA**

### **62/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

To receive apologies for absence

### **63/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To declare an interest linked to any item on the agenda

### **64/22 ELECTION OF CHAIR**

**To elect Chair due to resignation of previous Chair**

### **65/22 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR**

**To elect Vice Chair**

### **66/22 Public Participation allowed 15 minutes**

To cover Road Safety requests made by members of the public

### **67/22 MINUTES**

- a. To approve the minutes of the meeting of 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022.
- b. Matters arising from previous meetings that are not included as an agenda item below

### **68/22 REPORT FROM BOROUGH/COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

To receive a report from Borough/County Councillors

### **69/22 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Items (a) to (g) have been circulated to councillors by email and are included here for recording purposes only.

- a. Falling branches on Kite Field have been reported to the Trees and Woodlands Officer at Dacorum Borough Council
- b. Minor changes to NPC PO Box which have been addressed
- c. Hedgehog Highway Project
- d. PKF Littlejohn appointed as external auditors for the next five years
- e. Webinar - Hertfordshire's response to the Cost of Living and Strategic Migration
- f. Update on social centre
- g. Update on climate adaptation and resilience in Hertfordshire 12/12/22
- h. To elect a member of the Council to represent the Ashridge Estate Committee
- i. Recreation Ground Suggestions: Direct access through to the Grand Union Canal to ease resident access away from busy roads with narrow paths

## **70/22 CLERKS REPORT**

- a. HAPTC Study Tour 2023
- b. HAPTC Consultation Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement 2023/24
- c. Update on Castle Water invoice for 2022/23

## **71/22 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- a. Cllr Capozzi proposes to accept grass cutting contract circulated on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023.
- b. Cllr Capozzi proposes to accept the Earmarked Reserves Allocation presented on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at the Full Council Working Group
- c. Cllr Capozzi proposes to accept the YTD Summary for December 2022
- d. Cllr Capozzi proposes to accept the Budget for 2023/24
- e. Cllr Capozzi proposes to accept the Precept for 2023/24
- f. Cllr Capozzi proposes to accept the 30-year lease with payments over a 7 year period with Telecom Infrastructure Partners for the O2 mast at Sunnyside Nursery and to appoint Thursfields as solicitors to deal with the contractual side on behalf of NPC
- g. Cllr Somervail proposes to update the Council's website with an Incident Reporting Form
- h. Cllr Somervail proposes to purchase a grit bin (from the Locality Grant) corner of Ashby Road and Covert Road
- i. Cllr Somervail proposes to move the grit bin from the recreation ground to the corner of Park Rise and Covert Road
- j. Cllr Capozzi proposes that the F&GP Committee becomes F&GP Working Group, all items discussed will be put to Full Council for decision making
- k. Cllr Somervail proposes to appoint a new chair for the Open Spaces Committee following Jon Clarke's resignation

## **72/22 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**