



NORTHCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

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**NORTHCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON
MONDAY 27th NOVEMBER 2023 AT 7.00 PM
ST MARYS PARISH ROOMS HIGH STREET NORTHCHURCH HP4 3QW**

To Councillors:

Michela Capozzi

Chair

Mark Somervail

Vice Chair

Neil Pocock

Gordon Godfrey

Lara Pringle

Lyndsey Abercromby

Parul Dix

Councillors are respectively summoned to attend this meeting for the transaction of business in the agenda below. The meeting is open to members of the public and the press.

Usha Kilich

Proper Officer

22nd November 2023

AGENDA

58/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence

59/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To declare an interest linked to any item on the agenda

60/23 Public Participation is allowed 15 minutes

61/23 MINUTES

- a. To approve the minutes of
 - i. To approve Full Council Minutes from 16th October 2023
 - ii. To approve EOM Minutes from 6th November 2023

- b. Matters arising from previous meetings that are not included as agenda items below
 - a. Woodland TPO on New Road as discussed on 16th October 2023

62/23 REPORT FROM BOROUGH/COUNTY COUNCILLORS

To receive a report from Borough/County Councillors

63/23 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- a. Cllr Capozzi to inform members that the Castle Water demands will be received on a monthly basis
- b. Cllr Capozzi to inform members that an attempt was made to withdraw funds from NS&I by an individual
- c. New Consultation on the Dacorum Local Plan (2024-2040) – REVISED STRATEGY FOR GROWTH. For more information please [click here](#)
- d. School Admissions Consultation 2025/26 - Neighbouring LAs, District & Borough Councils and Diocesan Representatives. For more information, please [click here](#)
- e. Agenda for Dacorum Environmental Forum Meeting on Thursday, Nov 16th 2023. For more information, please [click here](#)
- f. Berkhamsted Citizens Association Newsletter. For more information, please [click here](#)
- g. Hertfordshire Growth Board Visions & Missions Survey Launch. For more information, please [click here](#)

64/23 CLERKS REPORT

- a. DBC Members News (Council members only)
- b. A request made by a parishioner to install a bench on the Common in memory of her late mother

65/23 ROAD SAFETY

- a. To update on the crossing by the recreation ground and update the webpage

66/23 OPEN SPACE

- a. Recreation Ground update

67/23 ALLOTMENT

- a. Cllr Capozzi to update on works at the Allotments
- b. Cllr Capozzi proposes to put in place maintenance for the upper site

68/23 FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES

- a. Cllr Capozzi proposes to accept the YTD Summary for October 2023
- b. Cllr Capozzi proposes to approve the Precept at £44k for 2024/25, this being a 14.8% increase
- c. Cllr Capozzi proposes to accept the Budget for 2024/25
- d. Cllr Capozzi proposes to approve withdrawal from NS&I for £40k
- e. Cllr Capozzi proposes to approve the EMR for 2023/24
- f. Cllr Capozzi proposes to approve the grant application to NUC for the sum of £600
- g. Cllr Capozzi proposes to temporarily lease the area of land on the Upper Allotment previously known as 'Sunnyside Nurseries' to Sunnyside Rural Trust at the same rent until 31st March 2024.
- h. Cllr Capozzi proposes to accept the new 10-year lease with Cornerstone Telecommunications Infrastructure Limited ("Cornerstone") and proposed Heads of Terms
- i. Cllr Capozzi proposes to engage with the solicitor proposed by Landreeve surveyor and whose costs will be covered by Cornerstone.
- j. Cllr Capozzi proposes to approve an additional £1500 to replace the bent gate post at the Upper Allotment which could not be straightened.
- k. Cllr Capozzi proposes to approve the grant application for the Friends of St Mary's School for £2025.
- l. Cllr Capozzi proposes to accept a 4% increase in Clerk salary for 2023/24 as per NALC.

69/23 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

To receive a quote for the broken benches

70/23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 8th January 2024 at 7.00 pm St Mary's Parish Room Northchurch HP4 3QW