

Western Valley Parish Council

Notice of a Meeting of the Western Valley Parish Council

Thursday 10th August 2023 at 19:45, The District Centre, 1 Gentian Mews, Great Western Park, OX11 6GR

All Councillors are summoned to a Meeting of Western Valley Parish Council.

Members of the public and press are invited to attend all council meetings.

(Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960)

Prior to the start of the meeting; Questions and comments from members of the public (limited to 10 minutes in total)

This provides an opportunity for members of the public (who are not usually permitted to speak during the meeting except by special invitation of the Chairman) to participate before the start of the meeting. Members of the public may make only one address to the council of no more than three minutes' duration and only concerning topics on the agenda. No decision can be taken during this session, but the Chairman may decide to refer any matters raised for further consideration.

AGENDA

1. To receive apologies for absence. [LGA 1972 s85(1)]

2. Declarations of Interests [LA 2011 s31]

2.1. To receive declarations of interest for items on this agenda

Members to declare any interests, including Disclosable Pecuniary Interest they may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Parish Council's Code of Conduct. (NB this does not preclude any later declarations)

2.2. To consider requests for Dispensations [LA 2011 s33]

3. To approve the minutes of previous council meetings [LA 1972 Sch 12. Para 41(1)]

3.1. Meeting held on 11th July 2023

3.2. Matters arising from the minutes not elsewhere on the agenda.

4. Chairman's Report

5. District and County Councillor Reports

Formal reports will be issued for August after the meeting – will be published on the website once available.

5.1. County Councillor S Povolotsky

5.2. District Councillor H Gascoigne & D Dewhurst

6. Planning

6.1. To approve Terms of Reference for the Planning Committee

Appendix A

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To consider applications and approve response to planning authority.

6.2. P23/V0667/RM - Parcel 1P Land to the west of Great Western Park (Valley Park) Didcot

Reserved Matters submission relating to phase 1P pursuant to outline planning permission P14/V2873/O, comprising 172 dwellings with associated infrastructure and landscaping.(as amended by plans and information received 19 July 2023). (Outline planning application for a residential development of up to 4,254 dwellings, mixed use local centres, primary schools, sports pitches, community and leisure facilities, special needs school, open space and extensive green infrastructure, hard and soft landscaping, attenuation areas, diversions to public rights of way, pedestrian and vehicular access and associated works)

Other Planning Matters

- 6.3. To discuss the recent decision by the Oxfordshire County Council Planning Committee to REFUSE the planning application for the project named as HIF1. To agree a formal response (if any) and to agree any follow-up action as required.

Project Summary (taken from the meeting of the Didcot Garden Town Delivery Plan – update 17 July 2023)

Project summary – Four linked Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF1) Highways schemes to improve connectivity, unlock delivery of new homes and jobs and improve cycling and pedestrian provision. Completion due by mid-2026 but may be delayed by land acquisition and planning challenges.

Four projects:

1. *Science Bridge*
2. *A4130 capacity improvements*
3. *Clifton Hampden Bypass*
4. *New River Thames crossing at Culham*

7. Clerk's Report and Action List

Appendix B

- 7.1. To review the Action List

Action List

- 7.2. To approve approach to the creation of a Parish Logo, allocate budget.

8. Finance 2023-2024

Appendix C

- 8.1. To approve additional payments to be made as soon as possible once precept has been received.

9. Training

Appendix D

- 9.1. To consider list of upcoming training courses and approve budget and attendance by Councillors or Clerk.

10. Allotments

- 10.1. To approve response to VoWHDC regarding Allotments, and whether the PC wishes to manage the future allotments, the land to remain owned by VoWHDC.

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Staffing Committee

Appendix E

- 10.2. To approve creation of a Staffing Committee and Terms of Reference
- 10.3. To appoint members to the Staffing Committee.

11. Approve Governing Documents

- 11.1. Procurement Policy
- 11.2. Acquisition and Disposal of Land Policy
- 11.3. Scheme of Delegation
- 11.4. Statement of Internal Controls

Appendix F

Appendix G

Appendix H

Appendix I

12. To receive Items of Correspondence and agree actions arising.

None.

13. Matters for future discussion.

14. To agree list of items from this meeting to be submitted to any local publication or our Facebook Page as a Parish Council Update.

Clerk proposes a 1 or 2 page monthly parish council update to engage the community, delegated to the Clerk.

15. Confirm the date and time of the next Council Meeting – 14th September 2023, 19:45

