

Western Valley Parish Council

Notice of a Meeting of the Western Valley Parish Council

Thursday 11th January 2024 at 19:45, The District Centre, 1 Gentian Mews, 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 14th December 2023

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

4. Chairman's Report

5. District and County Councillor Reports

Any formal reports issued after this agenda will be published on the website once available.

5.1. County Councillor S Povolotsky

Appendix A

5.2. District Councillor H Gascoigne & D Dewhurst

Appendix B

6. Planning

6.1. To receive the minutes of the Planning Committee 28th September 2023

Appendix C

6.2. To approve response to the Joint Local Plan Consultation.

Appendix D

Note: still awaiting formal notification of consultation at time of issue of agenda.

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7. Finance 2023-2024

Appendix E

- 7.1. To approve payments list for January 2024
- 7.2. To note receipts, year to 31st December 2023
- 7.3. To note the reconciled bank account and reserves balances as at 31st December 2023
- 7.4. To complete the quarterly budget review and approve virements, including which EMR to add interest received to.

8. To approve response to the Draft Oxfordshire Councils Charter, or approve individual Councillors will submit their own personal response.

Appendix F

9. To receive verbal reports on any training courses attended.

10. To consider whether to pursue having a Parish Office and agree actions.

11. To consider the qualification criteria and benefits of having General Powers of Competence and agree actions.

12. To consider options regarding a “Welcome Pack” for new residents, particularly with respect to the Valley Park development and agree actions.

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

None.

14. Matters for future discussion.

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

16. To consider and, if thought fit, approve the following motion: In view of the confidential nature of the business about to transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the public and press be temporarily excluded, and they are instructed to withdraw.

Reason: Confidential business relating to engagement. terms of service, conduct or dismissal of employees.

- 16.1. To receive recommendations from the Staffing Committee, and approve actions.
- 16.2. To approve secondary employment of the Clerk.

17. Confirm the date and time of the next Council Meeting 8th February 2024.