

WEST MALLING PARISH COUNCIL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 10TH JANUARY 2022, 7.30 PM.
AT THE CLOUT, 9 HIGH STREET WEST MALLING

AGENDA

1. **Apologies for Absence**
2. **Declarations of Interest** – to receive
3. **Casual Vacancies**
 - 3.1 **Resignation** – to note the resignation of Mr Nick Stapleton from the Parish Council.
 - 3.2 To note that there is one casual vacancy
 - 3.3 T&MBC has notified the Parish Council that the statutory period will expire at midnight on 10 January, if an election has not been called, the Council will be able to co-opt.
4. **To approve the minutes** of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6th December 2021
5. **Matters Arising** from the minutes not otherwise on the agenda
6. **Chairman's Announcements**
7. **Questions from members of the public and councillors**
8. **Policing Matters**
 - 8.1 **Police Update** – to note receipt of December report as previously circulated.
 - 8.2 **Other Policing Matters**

Matters requiring decisions

9. **Local Plan** - to receive update.
10. **Rotary House**

Please note that due to the confidential nature of this item (potential purchase of land / building) it may be advisable in the public interest that the public and press be temporarily excluded and asked to withdraw in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

- 10.1 To report on any updates received from KCC.

10.2 To agree to appoint Smart Support to prepare a Business Plan for the Parish Council as requested by KCC and required for finance purposes. Costs to be agreed to a maximum sum within the 20/21 budget, subject to any further advice received from KCC before this meeting.

11. Amenities

11.1 – Benches at Land West of Age Concern - recommendation from the Amenities Committee to take the sum of £26.40 from the budget for Cricket Meadow, strimming of paths, benches & staples so as to make up the budget shortfall for the costs needed to repair a bench on Land West of Age Concern.

12. Appeal Hearing - The land Opposite the Paddocks, Birling Road, Leybourne– to note receipt of a letter from Leybourne Parish Council requesting financial assistance towards the Planning Inspectorate Hearing; Leybourne Parish Council having instructed a barrister and a planning consultant at an approximate cost of £6500.

13 Climate & Biodiversity Action Group

13.1 To receive informal minutes of the meeting held on 20th December 2021

13.2 To receive a paper drafted by the C&BAG recommending that WMPC should declare a climate emergency and to consider if WMPC should commit to becoming carbon neutral by 2030-50.

14 Gladman Appeal - to note that informal hearing date of 16/17th December was cancelled to enable consultation. To further note that additional representations should be submitted to the Inspectorate by 13th January – WMPC to agree additional representations.

15 WMPC Draft Budget

15.1 Council Tax Base – to receive notification from T&MBC that the Council Tax Base for West Malling for 2022/23 is 1166.63 (this being the number of equivalent Band D properties)

15.2 To note the effect of the Council Tax base 22/23 – see schedule

15.3 Consider draft committee budgets

Please note that due to the confidential nature of this item (staff matters) it may be advisable in the public interest that the public and press be temporarily excluded and asked to withdraw in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

Staff matters including recommendation from the F&GP Committee following the Clerk's pay review and outcome of appraisals and consideration of additional hours for the Assistant Clerk.

15.4 Precept – if possible, to agree the precept requirement to be notified to T&MBC by 21st January 2022

16. Financial & Administrative Matters

16.1 Accounts for Payment

16.2 To note the following payment was made since the last Full Council Meeting - £4496.54 authorised at the Amenities meeting held on 13th December 2021.

16.3 Financial Statement up to 31st December 2021

Matters for Report

17. **To receive/approve**, as appropriate, the reports of committees and representatives:
- 17.1 **Amenities Committee** - to receive, for information, the draft minutes of the meeting held on 13th December 2021
 - 17.2 **Highways, Transportation & Streetlighting Committee** – to receive, for information, draft minutes of the meeting held on 20th December 2021
 - 17.3 **Climate & Biodiversity Action Group** – to receive informal minutes of the meeting held on 20th December.
 - 17.4 **Malling Action Partnership (M.A.P.)**
 - 17.5 **School Governors**
 - 17.6 **Malling Society**
 - 17.7 **Chamber of Commerce / Christmas Lights Committee**
 - 17.8 **Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council:**
Parish Partnership Panel – to note that the next meeting is scheduled for 27th January.
 - 17.9 **KALC/NALC/ACRK/CPRE**
KALC
To note receipt of KALC News November / December 2021
To receive the draft minutes of the KALC T&M meeting held on 21st October - circulated

Administration

18. **Committee Meeting dates** – to agree/note dates for meetings where necessary and/or receive update on progress of:
Amenities (concentrating on Churchyard) – cancelled
F&GP - Monday 17th January 2022
Planning – Tuesday 25th January 2022 - tbc

February Full Council – Monday 7th February 2022
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19. **Report of Borough Councillors**
20. **Report of County Councillor**



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