

Earsham Parish Council

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Notice of Meeting

To Members of the Public and Press,

You are cordially invited to attend a meeting of Earsham Parish Council which will be held the Village Hall on Wednesday 27th November 2024 at 7.30pm to consider the business detailed below and there will be an opportunity for public participation after Agenda item 4 and 12

Signed: *Lynda Ling*
Parish Clerk

Date: 20th November 2024

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Apologies from members unable to attend
3. Declarations of interest, in particular matters to be raised at this meeting
 - To note any declarations of members pecuniary and/or non-pecuniary/other interests pertaining to items on the following agenda
 - a) To consider any dispensation requests

4. Resolution to approve the Minutes of previous meetings
 - Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 25th September 2024

The meeting will be adjourned for public participation for items to be discussed on the Agenda only (maximum 10 minutes)

6. Reports/Protocols/Consultations

- Police, District and County Councillors
- Chairman and Parish Councillors
- Clerks Report

7. Village Items – Update on all village items, plus: -

- a) Report from the Speed Watch group
- b) Discussion on Emergency Action Plan and any updates
- c) Village drainage channel and recent drainage works on The Street update
- d) Discussion on basalt stone recently excavated and possibility of its placement in the centre of the village, also discussion on the purchase of a Christmas tree (discussed last year)
- e) WW1 Commemorative Plaque and signage in the village – confirmation of placement (subject to Highways approval) and update on directional signage in the village
- f) Grant Funding – discussion on securing monies for car park resurfacing, including Parish Partnership Bid and funding from SNC. Update on Winter Pressure Grant and Armed Forces Covenant Grant
- g) Speeding issues on A143 including update on installation of LED bollard
- h) Signpost in The Street – update
- i) Discussion on a local project called Nature Recovery (working with Biodiversity Policy and to discuss an idea for allotments – see 10a)

8. Planning Applications – None

9. Finance, Governance and Training –

- a) Approval of items of expenditure invoiced since the September 2024 meeting and note balances
- b) To consider the purchase of a new defibrillator and box at a cost of £1500
- c) To consider subscribing to the Norfolk PTS (Norfolk Parish Training and Support) and any training requirements for Earsham Parish Councillors
- d) To consider and agree the renewal of streetlighting maintenance contract due to expire on 31st December 2024
- e) 2025-26 Draft budget for consideration

10. Playing Field/Play Equipment/Bowls and Football Clubs/Allotments

- a) Update on allotments – consideration of how to progress unused plots (see 7k), consideration of reduced rates, and update on costs to get the overgrown allotments cleared
- b) Play equipment – update and to discuss further repairs required (Play Inspection Report March 2024)
- c) Football Club – early stages of looking for sponsorship, some thoughts towards sponsorship boards would be welcomed

11. Significant Correspondence – Forwarded to Councillors

12. Business for the next meeting

The meeting will be adjourned for public participation (maximum 10 minutes)

13. To resolve to exclude the press and public [Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, Sec 1 (2)] due to the confidential nature of the following item:

- To note the pay award for Clerks by the National Joint Council for Local Government Services backdated to 1st April 2024

14. Confirmation of the date of the next meeting – Wednesday 29th January 2025 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Earsham