



Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council Agenda

All Members of the Council are Summoned to attend the Meeting of the Parish Council to be held at Mortimer Methodist Church Hall, 17 West End Road, Mortimer, RG7 3TB on Thursday the 9th of November 2023 at 7.30pm

PUBLIC AND PRESS

Members of the public and press are welcome to attend.

Part I

23/082 Public Questions (for agenda items only) - DM

23/083 To receive any apologies for absence - DM

23/084 To receive any declarations of interest - DM

To receive from Members at this point or at any point during the meeting, in respect of any items included on the agenda, disclosure of any interests in line with the Parish Council's Code of Conduct and gifts and hospitality in line with Government legislation.

Members are reminded that if they declare an interest they may have to leave immediately after having made representations, given evidence, or answered questions and before the debate starts unless he/she has obtained a dispensation.

23/085 Minutes of Last Meeting - DM

To resolve to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council of the 12th of October 2023.

23/086 Clerk's Report - CLERK

To receive a report from the Parish Clerk outlining actions taken following the Meeting of the Council held on the 12th of October 2023 and other updates. Report 23/086 circulated.

23/087 Items to be taken into private session - DM

To determine which items, if any, of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded.

23/088 Committee and Working Party Reports

1. Planning Committee – **DB**
2. Fairground and Cemetery - **SH**
3. Climate and Environment Working Party – **AM**
4. Communications Working Party - **GB**

5. Garth Hall Working Party - **MD**
6. Mortimer to Burghfield Cycleway and Footpath - **DM**
7. The Street Footway Working Party - **Working Party Chairman**

23/089 Items for Consideration and Resolution

1. Neighbourhood Plan – GB

To receive and endorse a written report from the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (NPSG).

2. Committee and Working Party Appointments - DM

To resolve the appointment of:

- a. Cllr. H. Kilshaw to the Communications Working Party.
- b. Mrs. A. Richardson to the Climate and Environment Working Party

3. Dispensations - DM

To consider the requests received and resolve the granting of the dispensation(s) in respect of the setting of the Precept:

- a. Cllr. H. Kilshaw.
- b. Cllr. A. Richardson.

4. Library Working Party - DM

To resolve the members of a working party to consider a review of the library building.

5. Transfer of Council Funds - CLERK

To resolve the purchase of shares to the value of £87,527 in the Public Sector Deposit Fund to maintain the balance in the Unity Trust Bank Account in line with the Financial Services Compensation Scheme of £85,000.

6. Library Donation – DM

To resolve the payment of £3,731 as SMPC's Library contribution for 2023/2024.

7. Pillbox – DM

To resolve:

- The Council proposes to lease the pillbox for a further three years.
- The signing of the declaration in relation to the new lease as recommended by Finance and General Purposes.

8. Internal Audit - CLERK

To receive the mid-term report for 2023/24.

9. Local Council Award Scheme - AR

To receive a report and resolve to apply for the Local Council Award Scheme (LCAS) – Foundation Level in May 2024.

10. Foudry Brook - MD

To receive an update and a report, and resolve that the Council writes to Sir John Redwood MP and West Berkshire Council, copied to Thames Water, with a copy of the report.

11. Cemetery Extension - AN

To receive an update and resolve to proceed with the design for the extension.

23/090 Finance

1. Accounts to the 30th of September 2023 – CLERK

To receive and approve the Income and Expenditure Report to the 30th of September 2023 and the Balance Sheet as of that date.

2. Payments made with authorisation of Chairman/Vice-Chairman – DM

To receive and note summary of payments: Report 23/090 2 – circulated

3. Accounts for Payment - CLERK

To receive and approve items of expenditure: Report 23/090 3 – circulated

23/091 Items for information only

1. To note the meetings that have taken place of the following committees and to receive the draft minutes, where available: - **DM**
 - a. Roads, Footpaths and Commons 19/10/2023
 - b. Planning 26/10/2023
2. District Councillor Reports – **NC/GM/VP**
3. Correspondence: Appendix 23/078 3 circulated - **CLERK**
4. Planning decisions and information from West Berkshire Council: Appendix 23/091 4 circulated - **DB**
5. Neighbourhood Action Group report – **GB/JW**
6. Health and Safety - **CLERK**
7. Minor Matters – **DM**

23/092 Communications - DM

To identify items for communicating.

23/093 Future Agenda Items - DM

To identify future agenda items

23/094 Exclusion of Press and Public - DM

To pass a resolution under Section 1, Paragraph 2 of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, to exclude members of the press and public from the meeting at Part II, items identified at 23/087 on the Agenda, due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

Mrs. L. Hannawin, Clerk

03/11/2023