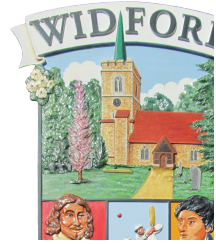


# Widford Parish Council



To: Cllrs Mike Allen, Ian Collins, Andy Djemal, Mark Rome, Josh Warren  
You are summoned to attend the following meeting to transact this business agenda:

## Ordinary Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2024 in Widford Village Hall at 7.30pm

Public and press are welcome to join the meeting, although under Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, public and press may be excluded for the discussion of confidential business. Please note that public participation is not permitted except during the time designated for public comments.

Signed: Colin Marks, Proper Officer and Clerk to Widford Parish Council

Date: 29<sup>th</sup> October 2024

## AGENDA

In accordance with The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014, SI 2095, only non-confidential business (press and public present) may be filmed, recorded, photographed, broadcast, or reported via social media by any person. Recording and reporting the Council's meetings is subject to the law, including the Human Rights Act, the Data Protection Act, and the laws of libel and defamation, and it is the responsibility of those doing so to comply.

### 24.102 Apologies for absence

1. Councillors: to receive and approve acceptance of councillor apologies
2. Other apologies

### 24.103 Declarations of Interest and requests for dispensations

1. To receive members' Declarations of Interest for items on the agenda (including non-pecuniary, with the nature of the interest. Members should give due regard to the Disclosable Pecuniary Interests notice at the end of this agenda).
2. Dispensations: Cllr Mike Allen re Playing Field matters, being a trustee. Cllr Ian Collins re Closed Churchyard matters, his wife having the maintenance contract.

### 24.104 Approval of Minutes:

1. September 3rd Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

### 24.105 Police Report: To receive the Safer Neighbourhood Team report

### 24.106 Chairman's Announcements

### 24.107 To receive reports from County and District Councillors

### 24.108 Planning

#### 1. New Planning Applications

NONE		
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#### 2. Decision Notices (for information only)

3/24/0711/FUL	15 Benningfield Rd: Erect detached building and rear extension to existing	REFUSED
3/24/1844/HH 3/24/1845/LBC	5 Nether Street: Replacement front windows and door	Awaited
3/24/1495/FUL	Land at Bourne Lane: Change of use to glamping site	Awaited
3/24/1356/LBC	Ashbourne Manor: Alterations to property	Awaited
3/24/1031/HH	Ashbourne Manor: Extension to single storey garage	Awaited
3/24/0926/FUL	Adams Barn, Hunsdon Road: Change of use agricultural to residential	Awaited
3/23/2283/OUT	Land south of Levenage Lane: Outline for 4 dwellings <b>REFUSAL APPEALED</b>	Awaited
3/19/1045/OUT	Land North of the Stort Valley and the A414, Gilston: outline planning	Awaited

#### 3. Other planning matters

1. To consider any late planning applications received after the agenda was published

**24.109 Finance**

1. To receive report on the Council's finances at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024
2. To approve bank reconciliation at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024
3. To receive 2023/24 financial performance against budget to 28<sup>th</sup> October 2024
4. To approve list of orders for payment
5. To consider agreeing to apply the national wage award 2024/25
6. To consider draft budget and precept for 2025/26 (for finalisation at the January 2025 Meeting)

**24.110 Correspondence:** To note list of correspondence (*list below, for information only*)

**24.111 Village Reports**

1. **Village Hall**
  1. To receive report and update on plans
2. **Playing Field**
  1. To receive report
3. **Allotments**
  1. To receive report
4. **Closed Churchyard:**
  1. To receive report

**24.112 Highways, footpaths and byways:** to receive reports and consider any action

1. **Footpaths and Public Rights of Way**
  1. FP1: Update on stile replacement
  2. Nether Street kissing gates: Update on repairs to rotted post and step
2. **Highways and footways**
  1. Update: To consider quote for clearing parish footways
  2. Update: Abbots Lane blocked gully
  3. Update: Enforcement issues at Greenacres
3. **Other parish matters and concerns:** to consider any matters raised
  1. War Memorial conservation funding availability
  2. To note action taken by appropriate authorities over parishioner safety concerns
  3. To consider consultation on remote attendance and voting at parish council meetings

**24.113 Benningfield Green:**

1. Update on any issues
2. Update on licence renewal

**24.114 Village archive update**

**24.115 Urgent matters:** To note matters received too late for this agenda (for full discussion on the next agenda)

***To consider suspending the Meeting for Public Comments:***

Limited to a total of 15 minutes. One question/statement only of no more 3 minutes maximum per person.

***Meeting to be resumed***

**24.116 To note items for addition to future agendas**

**24.117 Date of next Parish Council Meeting (all in the Village Hall)**

1. To consider calendar of meetings for 2025
2. Tuesday January 7th (TBC) at 7.30pm

Correspondence list for Agenda item 24.110 - for information only (refer to specific agenda items for action)

- HAPTC: Funding Available for War Memorial Conservation: Apply by 31st October 2024 (24.112.3.1)
- HAPTC: NALC National wage award 2024/25 (24.109.5)
- Herts police: Action over concerns regarding parishioner safety concerns (24.112.3.2)
- HAPTC: Consultation on enabling remote attendance and proxy voting at parish council meetings (24.112.3.3)