



WALFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Agenda for the Meeting of the Parish Council

To be held at Bishopswood Village Hall
at 7.30pm on Wednesday 22nd November 2023

Councillors are summoned to attend; the press and public are invited to attend.

The meeting may be recorded.

1. **Apologies:** To accept apologies and note reasons for absence.
2. **Parish Council Election.** To welcome the new councillor and receive the signed declaration of acceptance of office.
3. **Declarations:** To receive declarations of interest and consider any written applications for dispensations.
4. **To consider minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 18th October 2023.**
5. **Public participation session:**
 - 5.1. To receive an update from West Mercia Police.
 - 5.2. To receive a report from the Ward Councillor.
 - 5.3. To receive a report from the Localities Steward.
 - 5.4. Public participation session: three (3) minute limit per person (15 minutes maximum)
6. **Finance:**
 - 6.1 To consider the response from SAAA regarding PKF Littlejohn AGAR investigation fees.
 - 6.2 To approve the payments on Appendix A.
 - 6.3 To ratify the payments on Appendix A.
 - 6.4 To consider year to date accounts.
7. **Bridge Canoe Launch: To receive reports and consider any actions:**
 - 7.1. KBCL Maintenance Co-ordinator report.
 - 7.2. To consider proposed improvements to access the permissive footpath (from Kerne Bridge to the Canoe Launch) directly from the Inn on the Wye.
8. **Projects: To receive written reports from the following projects and working groups and consider action:**
 - 8.1. Community Support Scheme Coordinator
 - 8.1.1. To receive an update to the the implementation of a contract with Walford Village Hall in respect of The Hub.
 - 8.2. Police Liaison.
 - 8.3. Safety & Environmental Working Group
 - 8.4. Howle Hill Memorial Project
 - 8.4.1. To consider a planning application to move the memorial stone.
 - 8.5. To receive an update on the Parish newsletter.
 - 8.6. To receive an update on the maintenance of the horse trough on Bulls Hill.
 - 8.7. To receive an update on the installation of defibrillators on Howle Hill and Bulls Hill.
9. **Highways and public rights of way: To receive written reports and consider actions:**
 - 9.1. PROW officer
 - 9.1.1. To receive an update on the permissive path from Kerne Bridge to Canoe Launch
 - 9.2. Lengthsman Co-ordinator.



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- 9.3. To consider a Lengthsman Parish Plan for 2023/24.
- 9.4. To receive an update on the Lengthsman contract.
- 9.5. To consider the expenditure of the £ 4,046.00 available under the Lengthsman Scheme.
- 9.6. To receive an update on the repairs to the Coughton bus shelter.
- 9.7. To consider speeding in the 30mph zone through Walford on the B4234.

10. Planning:

- 10.1. To comment on applications for determination by Herefordshire Council - see Appendix B.

11. Leys Hill junction: To provide an update.

12. The Dam: To receive an update.

13. Daycroft Lane: To receive an update.

14. To consider correspondence received.

15. The Climate & Ecology Bill.

Walford Parish Council considers to resolve to:

- 1. Support the Climate and Ecology Bill;
- 2. Inform local residents and inform local press/media of this decision;
- 3. Write to Jesse Norman MP to inform him that this motion has been passed, and urge them him sign up to support the CE Bill—or thank him for already doing so;
- 4. Write to Zero Hour, the organisers of the cross-party campaign for the CE Bill, expressing Walford Parish council's support (councils@zerohour.uk).

16. WPC policy review update.

17. Items for next meeting agenda: (No discussion)

- 17.1. To consider the budget for 2024-25 and agree the precept request for 2024-25
- 17.2. Leys Hill Junction
- 17.3. The Dam
- 17.4. To consider a proposal to approve expenditure of an additional £3k for drainage work

The Press and Public will be required to leave the meeting.

18. Confidential Item.

To consider an increase to WCSS Co-ordinator and Clerk salaries following the NALC salaries agreement for 2023-24.

19. Next WPC meeting: Wednesday 17th January 2024 7.30pm Bishopswood Village Hall .