



WALFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Agenda for the Meeting of the Parish Council

**To be held at Bishopswood Village Hall
at 7.30pm on Wednesday 22nd January 2025**

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. Declarations:** To receive declarations of interest and consider any written applications for dispensations.
- 3. To consider minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 18th December 2024.**
- 4. Public participation session:**
 - 4.1. To receive an update from West Mercia Police.
 - 4.2. To receive a report from the Localities Steward.
 - 4.3. Public participation session: three (3) minute limit per person (15 minutes maximum)
- 5. Finance:**
 - 5.1. To approve the payments on Appendix A.
 - 5.2. To ratify the payments on Appendix A.
 - 5.3. To receive the 31st December 2024 accounts and note the council bank balances of £ 16,975.84 (current A/c) and £ 6,973.19 (Instant Access Reserve A/c) as at 31st December 2024. The clerk advises that he has reclaimed VAT and the claim amount of £ 7,353.64 was received on 13th Jan increasing the current account balance on that date to £ 24,329.64.
- 6. Leys Hill Junction Traffic Calming:** To receive an update
- 7. Kerne Bridge : To receive reports and consider any actions:**
 - 7.1. KBCL Maintenance Co-ordinator report.
 - 7.2. To consider a quotation from Lewis Fowler (David Reeves) of £140 to cut back vegetation around the KBCL car park.
 - 7.2 To receive an update on the improvements to access the permissive footpath (from Kerne Bridge to the Canoe Launch) directly from the Inn on the Wye.
 - 7.3 To receive an update on the FOI request for information from Herefordshire Council on the survey of Kerne Bridge.
- 8. Projects: To receive written reports from the following projects and working groups and consider action:**
 - 8.1. Community Support Scheme Coordinator
 - 8.2. Police Liaison.
 - 8.3. Howle Hill Memorial Project.
 - 8.3.1 To receive and note the HHMPWG report.
 - 8.3.2 To agree the updated Terms of Reference for the group.
 - 8.4 To receive an update on the installation of a defibrillator on Bulls Hill.
 - 8.5 Bio-diversity.

To consider the recommendation of the Safety & Environmental Working Group that council accepts the requirement for a bio-diversity policy and appoints Cllr Warburg to review and circulate available models in order to present an outline policy incorporating the existing environmental policy to the next Safety & Environmental Working Group meeting.

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9. Highways and public rights of way: To receive written/verbal reports and consider actions:

- 9.1. PROW officer – to receive a verbal report.
- 9.2. Lengthsman Co-ordinator: To receive an update.
- 9.3. To receive an update on the sewage discharges on Bulls Hill and Howle Hill.
- 9.4. To receive an update on the reported subsidence on the B4234 between Walford Timber and Kerne Lodge.

10. Planning:

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

11. Flooding

11.1 To receive an update following the meeting of the Safety & Environmental Working Group. The clerk has received many items of correspondence concerning flooding issues at the following locations:

- a) Opposite KBCL entrance.
- b) Daycroft Lane.
- c) Alder Close.
- d) Hazlehurst Nursing Home.
- e) The Old Cider Barn, Hom Green
- f) Peggles, Deepdean

These were discussed at the Safety & Environmental Working Group meeting on 15th January the notes of which will be circulated in due course.

12. To consider correspondence received.

In addition to the flooding issues the clerk also received three FOI requests for information relating to HHMP which have been answered.

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

- 13.1. Leys Hill Junction
- 13.2. The Dam
- 13.3. Defibrillator installation Bulls Hill
- 13.4. Improvements to the permissive path from KBCL to Kerne Bridge.

14. Next WPC meeting: Monday 24th February 2025 7.30pm at Walford Village Hall.