



Arborfield & Newland Parish Council

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Full Council Meeting

Tuesday 21st November 2023 at Arborfield Pavilion 7:30pm

Public Attendance

Members of the public may make representations, answer questions and give evidence at a meeting which they are entitled to attend in respect of the business on the agenda. **If you would like to ask a question at this meeting, please contact the Parish Clerk by 12 noon on the day of the meeting via email at parishclerk@arborfield.org.uk.** (If you are unable to attend you are entitled to send in a written representation). Subject to standing order 3(f), a member of the public shall not speak for more than three minutes. In accordance with standing order 3(e), a question shall not require a response at the meeting nor start a debate on the question. The chairman of the meeting may direct that a written or oral response be given.

AGENDA

258/23 Questions from members of the public in respect of the business on this agenda.

259/23 To receive and accept any apologies for absence.

260/23 To receive any declarations of interest on items on the agenda.

261/23 Co-option of Councillor

262/23 Minutes of Council Meeting

To approve the minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 17th October 2023 – Item A

263/23 Council to note the following draft minutes: (as per standing orders all committee draft minutes are presented to full council)

Executive Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd October 2023 – Item B

Park's Committee meeting held on Monday 6th November 2023 – Item C

264/23 To receive reports from:

- 1. The Clerk – Item D**
- 2. The Borough Councillor – Item E**
- 3. Police – Item F**

265/23 To receive reports from external meetings attended by Councillors.

266/23 Planning

1) To consider and agree recommendations on planning applications (item G) received before 21st November to include:

231095 - Site Address: Hogwood Farm Sheerlands Road Arborfield Wokingham RG40 4QY

Description: Application for the approval of Reserved Matters pursuant to Outline Planning Consent O/2014/2179 (as varied by 181194, dated 14/11/2018). The Reserved Matters comprise details of 256 dwellings across Parcel P10 with access via the Nine Mile Ride Extension (NMRE) and Southern Bus Loop, associated internal roads, provision of Public Open Space and play areas, together with parking, cycle ways, footpaths, landscaping and sustainable urban drainage systems (SuDS). Details of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale to be considered.

Deadline 27-11-2023

232490 Parish: Barkham **Site Address:** Land off Langley Common Road, Arborfield, Wokingham

Proposal: Outline planning application for a proposed residential development of up to 50 dwellings together with open space and associated works. Means of Access to be considered (with Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale to be reserved).

Deadline 01-12-2023

2) Any Planning matters considered urgent.

267/23 Finance and General Purpose

- 1. To approve and sign payments for November.**
- 2. To receive the bank reconciliation for the month of October.**
- 3. To receive a verbal update from Cllr Murphy on the Pavilion building project, Phase 2.**
- 4. To agree a budget for the Coombes Working Group for the remainder of the current financial year.**
- 5. Councillors to receive a report regarding the Parish Council website – Item H.**
- 6. Council to Note the following expenditure:**
 - a) £210 for printing Remembrance order of service.**
 - b) £235 plus VAT for fitting blender valve in pavilion.**
- 7. Council to agree an expenditure for the following:**
 - a) Carol Singing refreshments.**

- b) Thank You Tea event.
- c) Christmas Cards

8. To consider any urgent finance matters

9. Council to adopt the Standing Orders policy - Item I

10. To re-adopt the following policy documents:

- a) Risk Assessment – Staff and Employment – Item J
- b) Financial Regulations – Item K

11. Biodiversity Policy

Under the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 there is a duty on public authorities in England to have regard to conserving biodiversity as part of their policy or decision making. Conserving biodiversity can include restoring or enhancing a population or habitat.

Council is asked to consider drafting a policy for conserving biodiversity as part of a wider Environmental and Sustainability Policy.

12. To agree a response to Reading Transport Strategy Consultation

268/23 Any Risk Management matters considered urgent.

269/23 Any items for consideration to include items for the next meeting agenda, information only.

270/23 Date of next meeting - The next full council meeting will be held on Tuesday 12th December 2023.

To consider the exclusion of the public and press due to the confidentiality of the following business (in accordance with Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972)

Confidential matters

271/23 Staffing updates – to receive updates regarding appointing a Clerk.