



Arborfield & Newland Parish Council

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Full Council Meeting Tuesday 12th December 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

272/23 Questions from members of the public in respect of the business on this agenda.

273/23 To receive and accept any apologies for absence.

274/23 To receive any declarations of interest on items on the agenda.

275/23 Minutes of Council Meeting

To approve the minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 21st November 2023 – Item A

276/23 Council to note the draft minutes from the Coombes Woodland Committee Meeting held on Thursday 16th November 2023 – Item B (as per standing orders all committee draft minutes are presented to full council).

277/23 To receive reports from:

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

278/23 To receive reports from external meetings attended by Councillors.

279/23 Planning

- 1. To consider and agree recommendations on planning applications (item F) received before 12th December to include:**
 - a. 232927 Parish:** Barkham **Site Address:** Land at Nine Mile Ride Extension, Reading, RG2 9GB
 - b. 232978 Address:** Lockey Farm, Sindlesham Road, Arborfield, Wokingham, RG2 9JH
 - c. 232853 Parish:** Arborfield **Site Address:** Arborfield Court, The Lodge, Swallowfield Road, Arborfield, Wokingham, RG2 9JS
- 2. Council to review implications of decision on planning application 223083 – Land South of Bridge Farm Reading Road Arborfield Wokingham RG2 9HT.**
- 3. Any Planning matters considered urgent.**

280/23 Finance and General Purpose

- 1. To approve and sign payments for December.**
- 2. To receive the bank reconciliation for the month of November.**
- 3. Preliminary Budget 2024/25 discussion to form a draft budget for approval at the January meeting.**
- 4. Council to discuss using cameras to record fly tipping along Gravelpithill Lane and Coombes Lane.**
- 5. To receive quotes for further work to Pound Copse.**
- 6. Council to consider options in response to WBCs proposed reduction in local environmental services.**
- 7. Council to Note the following expenditure:**

£4000 plus VAT for legal advice from Barrister regarding PA 223083; Land at Bridge Farm, proposal: Outline application for the erection of up to 11 commercial units which was approved on 8th November 2023.
- 8. Council to Readopt the following documents:**
 - a. Business Continuity Plan**
 - b. Investment Strategy**
- 9. Council to discuss, amend, and agree on an Environmental Policy to adopt.**
- 10. Council to discuss the appointment of a Proper Officer following the departure of the Clerk.**

11. Council to agree a response to Berkshire Nature Recovery Survey.

12. To receive a verbal update from Cllr Murphy on the Pavilion building project, Phase 2.

13. To consider any urgent finance matters.

281/23 Any Risk Management matters considered urgent.

282/23 Any items for consideration to include items for the next meeting agenda, information only.

283/23 Date of next meeting - The next full council meeting will be held on Tuesday 16th January 2024.