

# WHITE COLNE PARISH COUNCIL

## Summons and Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Parish Council will be held on

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 7.30pm at White Colne Village Hall**

- 1. Apologies for absence**
- 2. Declaration of Interests by members on items shown on this agenda.**
- 3. To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2023 and any matters arising not covered elsewhere.**
- 4. To receive reports from Essex County Councillor and Braintree District Councillors**
- 5. Public Question Time** – members of the public may ask questions or make a statement about items on the agenda or other matters of local concern.

### **6. Planning Matters**

#### **(a) Applications:**

23/03002/PLD 9 Colchester Road White Colne Essex CO6 2PW  
Application for Certificate of Lawfulness for a proposed development -  
Demolition of existing brick summer house and erection of a new  
summer house outbuilding with dual pitched roof. Application for a  
Certificate of Lawfulness for a Proposed Use or Development. *There is no  
statutory consultation requirement associated with this type of  
application.*

For information only. 24/00010/AGR Church Farm Bures Road White  
Colne Essex CO6 2QA Application for prior notification of agricultural  
or forestry development - Erection of steel framed agricultural building  
for the storage of agricultural machinery

#### **(b) Applications approved by Braintree District Council**

23/00769/FUL The Bungalow 47 Colchester Road White Colne Essex  
CO6 2PW Change of use of office accommodation used in conjunction  
with Care Home (Class E) to 1 No. independent 3 bed dwelling with new  
driveway from existing access road (Class C3). Decision: Application  
Granted

## **7. Community Liaison**

(a) To consider the future provision of SID equipment and to agree disposal of the existing obsolete equipment.

## **8. White Colne Meadows**

(a) To review the Open Spaces Action plan from Braintree District Council

(b) To review the latest pond health & safety report and consider the recommendations.

(c) To discuss the quote for pond clearing, coppicing and repairing the dipping platform – 5 days work at £310/350 + vat per day (6 volunteers)

## **9. Financial Matters**

(a) To approve payment of accounts since the last meeting

(b) Financial statement to 10 January 2024

(c) To review the budget to 10 January 2024

(d) To agree the budget for 2024/25

(e) To agree the precept for 2024/24

(f) To discuss options and costs for a new accounting package

## **10. Village Hall**

(a) To discuss the quotes and next actions for the village hall car park improvements

(b) To discuss an increase in village hall hire rates.

(c) To discuss the recent boiler service and the costs of either replacing or repairing it

(d) To review the latest village hall health & safety report and consider recommendations.

(e) To discuss Cllr Whitbread's reply regarding the land to the rear of the village hall

## **11. White Colne Village Green**

(a) To discuss a solution for repairs and restoration of the village green edge

## **12. Play Areas**

(a) To review the latest play area health & safety reports and consider recommendations.

(b) To review work already planned for the play areas.

## **13. Allotments**

(a) To note the current allotment plot vacancies and discuss advertising them locally.

**14. Millfields**

- (a) To note the outcome of the complaint from Braintree District Council enforcement and consider any further action

**15. Council administration**

- (a) To review and agree a Biodiversity policy.
- (b) To discuss using Zoom/You Tube feed for members of the public to join the meeting remotely.
- (c) To discuss local handyman work required for the council

**16. Items for the next agenda**

**17. Date of next meeting – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

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