NOTICE

Birlingham Parish Council

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To Members of Birlingham Parish Council

You are duly summoned to attend the next meeting of Birlingham Parish Council
to be held at

7.00pm
on

Wednesday 15 January 2025

In Birlingham Village Hall

Agenda

Welcome

Present

1) **Apologies** To receive apologies and to approve reasons for absence.

2) **Declarations of Interest** *Appendix a*

a) Register of Interests: Councillors are reminded of the need to update their register of interests.
b) To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in items on the agenda and their nature.
c) To declare any Other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda and their nature.
d) Written requests for the Council to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011) are to be with the Clerk at least four clear days prior to a meeting.

3) **Minutes of the previous meeting**

To consider the approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 20 November 2024. (Attached)

Democratic Opening
The meeting is adjourned for Public Question Time. Residents are invited to give their views and question the Parish Council on issues on this agenda, or raise issues for future consideration at the discretion of the Chairman. This is also a time where Councillors can raise items for future agendas.

4) **Progress Reports**:

For information

a. Footpath Warden
b. Tree Warden
c. Lengthsman
d. District Councillor (if not present request written report)
e. County Councillor (if not present request written report)
f. Clerk

5) **Planning**

a. Report on outstanding planning applications
b. Applications granted/refused
c. Enforcement

6) **Financial Matters**

a. The Accounts for 2024/2025

i) Bank balances

ii) CIL statement – the statement for 2023-2024 was returned to WDC on 18.12.24.

CIL balance

Any further updates for 2024 – 2025.

iii) Receipts

i. £192.50 – Worcestershire County Council Lengthsman September 2024
ii. £157.50 – Worcestershire County Council Lengthsman October 2024

iv) Payments agreed: –

i. £192.50 - Lengthsman September 2024 (cheque 755)
ii. £157.50 – Lengthsman October 2024 (bank transaction 25.11.24)
iii. £22.00 – Birlingham Village Hall – November meeting (bank transaction 25.11.24)
iv. £167.50 - Clerk's PAYE – July, August, September (cheque 753)
v. £670.00 - Clerk's pay – July, August, September (cheque 758)
vi. £104.28 - Clerk's expenses (cheque 759)
vii. £167.40 – Clerk's PAYE – October, November, December
viii. £670.00 – Clerk's pay – October, November, December
ix. £104.28 – Clerk's expenses October, November, December
x. £250.00 – Clarian for bench maintenance (bank transaction 18.11.24)
xi. £70.00 – Royal British Legion poppy wreaths (cheque 756)

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b. Future payments for consideration

i. £87.50 – Lengthsman August 2024 (bank transaction 18.11.24)
ii. £43.75 – Lengthsman November 2024
iii. £175.00 - Lengthsman December 2024

c. Budget precept / Tax base
Budget requirement was discussed in November 2024 as £7,125.00 (includes grant of £179.00) (application due by 26 January 2024). This was subject any further discussions at this meeting, before a final resolution.
Calculations have now been received from WDC and circulated.

Any further update from Financial Support Officer and Clerk.

To agree with the precepted figure.

d. Internet Banking – set up authorisations countersigning and standing orders.

7) **Discuss actions from previous meeting**

- Community Project Funding (CIL)

  Community Infrastructure Projects from Councillor Katie Parsons - circulate the proforma along with covering explanation to Birlingham Community Groups for project proposals. Residents to be informed of project consultation via Birlingham News.

- Survey / Speed

  '20 is plenty' - identifying the benefits of a 20mph limit in Residential Areas. Any updates.

  Councillor Rupert Day was going to contact Paul Smith (Head of Highways) to try and arrange a meeting to discuss whether 20mph is feasible within current policy. Also understand funding required for the change. Consider a Transport Consultant who can advise on policy and likely success. Rupert is also going to contact Barry Barnes to discuss white lines, active speed signs and other calming measures as a possible 'Plan B'.

- Highway Issues

  Flooding at Lower End near Manor Paddock.

- School Buses

  Update from Councillor Aston.

Any updates on the bulleted items above.

8) **Police - Parish Priorities**

Circulation sent to Members. Is there any specific feedback?

9) **Councillors' reports and items for future agenda**

Any other items.

10) **Date of next ordinary meeting**

To confirm the date of the next ordinary meeting which is scheduled for Wednesday 19 March 2025.

Members of the public and press are cordially invited to be observe the above meeting but any questions to be sent to the clerk in writing (birlingham_clerk@yahoo.co.uk)

Signed

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Clerk to Birlingham Parish Council

Date: 8 January 2025

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Appendix a

Councillors who have declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, or Other Disclosable Interest which falls within the terms of paragraph 12(4) (b) of the code of conduct, must leave the room for the relevant items

Failure to register or declare a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest may be a criminal offence.