

GREAT ADDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Thursday 10 December 2015

To members of the public

You are hereby invited to attend a meeting of Great Addington Parish Council to be held in the Memorial Hall, Woodford Road, Great Addington on Wednesday 16 December 2015 at 7:45 pm for the purpose of transacting the following business.

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AGENDA

15/375 Formalities.

- a) **To receive and approve apologies for absence.**
The Council will receive any apologies from Councillors and consider formal approval of the reasons provided.
- b) **To receive information requests/comments from members of the public.**
The Council will receive and process any information requests/comments from members of the public in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and Standing Orders.
- c) **To receive declarations of discloseable pecuniary/other interests by Councillors and dispensation requests.**
Councillors will refer to the latest guidance regarding declaration of discloseable pecuniary interests (DPIs) and granting of dispensations.
- d) **To resolve to exclude members of the public from the meeting when agenda items containing confidential information are transacted.**
The Council will consider whether this procedure is required for any agenda items containing confidential information.

15/376 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 18 November 2015.

Subject to approved amendments, the minutes of this meeting will be confirmed as a correct record and a copy will be published on the Council's website.

15/377 To co-opt to fill the casual vacancy.

Subject to there being more than one nomination, candidates will be given the opportunity to address the Council before exclusion of members of the public/press from the meeting. The co-option will be proposed, seconded and voted upon in public, with the successful candidate receiving an absolute majority of more than 50% of the votes cast.

15/378 Minor items.

- a) **To receive and note the Chairman's announcements (for information only).**
The Chairman will have the opportunity to report on the activities of the Council and to invite local authority representatives to speak on behalf of their areas of responsibility.
- b) **To receive and note correspondence/notifications/publications/reports/updates (for delegated action and/or information only).**
 - (i) **Planning permission/listed building consent/tree preservation order/lawful development certificate/prior approval decisions notified by ENC Planning Services.**
No new notifications of ENC Planning Services decisions have been received since 18 November 2015.

- (ii) **Parish monthly reported crime figures notified by Northamptonshire Police.**
No new notifications of Northamptonshire Police crime figures have been received since 18 November 2015.
- (iii) **Correspondence/reports/publications.**
The Council will receive and note any other correspondence/reports/publications.
- (iv) **On-going items.**
The Council will receive and note updates from Councillors and the Clerk regarding any on-going items/delegated actions which are not within the Four Year Plan.

15/379 East Northamptonshire Council (ENC).

- a) **To note details of the latest ENC Monitoring Officer Town and Parish Council Briefing documents.**
The Council will note details of any new guidance received to ensure compliance with current legislation and awareness of recommended good practice.
- b) **To receive and note ENC correspondence/reports/publications (for information only).**

15/380 Northamptonshire County Council (NCC).

- a) **To consider this Council's response to the NCC Draft Budget and Council Plan 2016/17.**
The Council will consider its response to this consultation regarding NCC's budget proposals in the short and medium term (including the challenges, priorities, goals and new strategies) for which the deadline is Tuesday 19 January 2016. Background information has been circulated previously and is also available using the link below:
<http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/en/councilservices/council/finance/pages/draft-budget-and-council-plan-2016-17.aspx>
- b) **To receive and note NCC correspondence/reports/publications (for information only).**

15/381 Constituency for Corby and East Northamptonshire.

To receive and note parliamentary correspondence/reports/publications sent on behalf of Mr T Pursglove MP (for information only).

15/382 To note the latest details of this Council's Four Year Plan; confirm its priorities; and consider the options and resources available regarding achieving its short, medium and long term objectives (including any legal responsibilities).

The Council will note the latest details of this action plan which has been introduced by the Chairman to assist in confirming the Council's priorities, achieving its objectives and monitoring its progress over the next four years.

15/383 Community.

- a) **To note the latest details of the Parish Special Constable Scheme and consider the options and resources available to this Council.**
The Council will note the latest details of this initiative which aims to enable greater input in local policing and consider the options and resources available.
- b) **To approve this Council's copy for the January 2016 issue of Saints Alive!**
The Council will approve copy to be submitted along with the regular items for inclusion in this issue for which the deadline is Thursday 17 December 2015.
- c) **To note issues of concern/interest raised by residents since 18 November 2015 and to consider the options and resources available to this Council.**
The Council will note an issue of concern expressed by a resident relating to pedestrian safety and will consider the options and resources available to address this issue.
- d) **To receive and note reports of Addingtons organisations.**
The Chairman will invite Councillors to report on recent activities of the organisations they represent.

15/384 Northamptonshire Action with Communities in Rural England (NACRE)/Northamptonshire County Association of Local Councils (NCALC)/Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC).

- a) **To note the latest details of NACRE/NCALC/SLCC conference and training courses.**
The Council will consider attendance at these events at the cost per delegate of up to £69 plus VAT to ensure awareness of current legislation and/or recommended good practice.
- b) **To receive and note NACRE/NCALC/SLCC correspondence/reports/publications (for information only).**

15/385 Finance.

- a) **To confirm this Council's precept for the year ended 31 March 2017.**
The Council will consider proposed expenditure, anticipated income together with level of reserves within the draft budget for the year ended 31 March 2017 before confirming formally the precept to be submitted to ENC Financial Services by Friday 22 January 2016.
- b) **To consider transferring this Council's current account to Unity Trust Bank and to approve payment of a deposit to be included with the application forms.**
The Council will consider transferring its current account to Unity Trust Bank which has the facility of dual authority for online banking arrangements and will approve cheque 100253 for payment of a £500.00 deposit (Local Government Act 1972, s111).
- c) **To receive and approve the monthly financial statements and bank reconciliation.**
The Council will receive and scrutinise the latest accounting documents to ensure that bank balances reconcile to receipts and payments.
- d) **To consider grant applications and annual donations for the benefit of community, voluntary and charitable organisations.**
The Council will consider any written grant applications submitted by local organisations together with donations which have been budgeted and are granted annually at the Council's discretion.
- e) **To approve payments in accordance with relevant legislation.**
The Council will approve cheques 100254-100259 for payment once confirmation has been received that the proposed transactions have been budgeted accurately.
- (i) **Payment of the Clerk's salary (October-December 2015).**
100254 - £375.45 (Local Government Act 1972, s 112).
- (ii) **Payment to HM Revenue & Customs for PAYE (October-December 2015).**
100255 - £93.80 (Local Government Act 1972, s 112).
- (iii) **Payment to E.ON Energy Solutions Ltd (Highway Lighting) for street lighting maintenance (October-December 2015).**
100256 - £92.18 (Parish Councils Act 1957, s 3).
- (iv) **Donation to the Addingtons Playing Field Association.**
100257 - £1,500.00 (Local Government Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1976, s 19).
- (v) **Donation to Great Addington Memorial Hall Committee.**
100258 - £750.00 (Local Government Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1976, s 19).
- (vi) **Donation to the Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance.**
100259 - £50.00 (Local Government Act 1972, s 137).

15/386 To confirm any additional business to be included on the agenda of the next meeting.

The Council will note any additional business and confirm if it is of sufficient relevance to be included on the agenda of the next meeting.

15/387 To confirm the date of the next meeting (scheduled to be held in the Memorial Hall, Woodford Road, Great Addington on Wednesday 20 January 2016 at 7:45 pm).