

You are invited to attend a meeting of Tidenham Parish Council that has been arranged for **Wednesday 17th April 2024 at 7.00pm in Sedbury and Beachley Village Hall, King Alfred's Road, Sedbury**, for the transaction of business according to the enclosed agenda.

Yours faithfully

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Note: Members of the public are welcome to attend meetings of the Council and Committees, unless specifically excluded due to the confidential nature of the business. Members of the public can ask questions or make representation during item 4 but the council cannot make a decision on any matter which is not specified on the agenda.

AGENDA

1. ATTENDANCE

- a) **To receive** apologies for absence from those councillors unable to attend.
- b) **To consider for acceptance** those apologies received with reasons for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a) **To receive Declarations of Interest** in respect of matters contained in this agenda, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 in respect of officers and in accordance with the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 in respect of members.
Interests may be declared at any time during the meeting should they become apparent.
- b) To consider any Dispensation Requests received by the Parish Clerk and not previously considered.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- a) **To consider for approval** as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 20th March 2024.
- b) **To consider any questions** arising from those minutes.

4. PUBLIC CONSULTATION ***

To receive and consider any questions from the Public, which may be answered but not debated.

5. POLICING IN THE PARISH

- a) **To note** Police crime statistics for Tidenham and Sedbury can be accessed following this link.
<https://www.ukcrimestats.com/Neighbourhood/6107>
- b) **To note** PCSO Lucy Smith will be leaving the area on 20th April 2024.

6. COMMITTEES

To receive reports, minutes and recommendations from committees and consider any questions arising.

- i) Planning, Development Control and Highways Committee meeting held on 27th March 2024.
Questions to Councillor Wall, Chairman of the Committee.

7. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

To receive and note any announcements from the Chairman of the meeting.

8. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

To note reports from Chris McFarling and the District Councillors who may attend the meeting.

9. PARISH CLERK'S REPORT

To receive and consider the Parish Clerk's Report. All items requiring the council to make a decision are specified separately on this agenda.

10. YOUTH PROJECT

To note no report from Emily Timmins, Youth Worker.

11. MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL – GAPTC AND SLCC

- a) **To consider** renewal of annual membership of GAPTC 2024/2025 of £1406.38 – numbers of electors 4442 which includes the NALC element (7.94 pence per elector) and the GAPTC element (27.86 pence per elector) and a

discount of 15% - £185.63 - on the GAPTC element for having a CiLCA qualified Clerk and for achieving the Local Council Award - Foundation.

b) **To consider** renewal of membership of SLCC 2024/2025 of £238.

12. FINANCE

a) **To approve payments** according to the Financial Statement for March 2024.

b) **To receive and approve** the Financial Statement for March 2024.

c) **To note** annual interest received in the Monmouthshire Building Society account of £2265.10, 31/3/24.

d) **To consider** re-allocation of earmarked reserves of £4960 previously allocated to the original community garden.

e) **To consider** charges payable for the Lloyds Bank sub account. (Councillors agreed in February 2024 to open sub / secondary Lloyds account for the Tidenham Community Transport Project.) Charges as follows: £8.50 monthly fee. First 100 electronic payments free of charge thereafter 20p per payment. Cash payments in or out £1.50 per £100 (total payments) – no charge if total payments under £100, this amount reduced to 85p if paid into branch deposit machine or via Lloyds Banking App. An additional 85p credit in charge if paid in over branch counter. Cheques - £1 per item in or out, reduced to 85p if using branch deposit machine or Lloyds Banking App.

13. ASSET REGISTER

a) **To consider** adoption of Asset Register as shown in the 2023/2024 Annual Accounts.

b) **To note** all assets have been visually checked during the year by the Clerk's Assistant, contractors or through playground checks.

14. LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME

a) **To note** the rate of Employer Contributions to the LGPS remains at 21.1% for the year 2024/25.

b) **To note** the employee contributions rates are unchanged for 2024/25.

15. SAFER STREETS FUNDING

a) **To note** the grant funds of £16,000 have been received from the Safer Streets Team and the Clerk will place the order for the 2 x CCTV cameras for payment to be approved at the meeting.

16. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AWARD SCHEME – QUALITY AWARD

To note the panel has completed its assessment and were very happy with the overall standard of the application submitted. There are three areas for which further evidence is required and this will be submitted as soon as possible.

17. AUTOSPEEDWATCH CAMERA

a) **To consider** renewal of the Autospeedwatch camera data connectivity licence at a cost of £148 plus VAT – total cost £177.60.

b) **To consider** payment of £150 to BW Rees for the adjustment of the camera on site.

18. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

To consider format for Annual Parish Meeting on 29th May.

19. ELECTRIC VEHICLE

a) **To note** the vehicle will be collected from the dealer on Saturday 13th April. The Clerk has made the payment for the vehicle. The Clerk will invoice the District Council for the full amount of the vehicle, first year's insurance premium, installation of charger and livery costs once these have all been made.

b) **To note** the funds for the vehicle are not being paid from the Parish or District Council's Council Tax revenues as has been reported on Social Media sites. The funds are from Section 106 payments made to the Forest of Dean District Council by developers as part of their planning permissions for local housing developments. The funds can only be spent on projects that will help reduce air pollution in the Parish.

c) **To consider** date and format of official launch of the Community Transport Scheme.

d) **To consider** the cost of the insurance has increased by £9.62 to £1276.80 since the original quote in November 2023.

e) **To consider** purchase of magnetic livery signs up to an amount of £160 including VAT.

f) **To consider** purchase of customised No Parking sign to be placed at the vehicle parking space up to an amount of £40 plus VAT – total £48.

20. CLIMATE ADAPTATION TOOLKIT

To consider nomination of councillors to work on a Climate Adaptation Strategy and options, using the Climate Adaptation Toolkit provided by the District Council.

21. CORRESPONDENCE

To receive and consider any other correspondence as detailed in the Clerk's Report.

22. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND FEEDBACK FROM LEAD COUNCILLOR ROLES

To receive and note any matters which councillors wish to raise or feedback and where appropriate add to the agenda for the following meeting or meetings of committees.

23. FUTURE MEETINGS

To note the dates of future council and committee meetings:

Wednesday 24th April 2024 – Planning and Highways Committee meeting.

Wednesday 8th May 2024 – Amenities Committee meeting.

Wednesday 15th May 2024 - **Annual Council Meeting**.

***** Allows a period not exceeding fifteen minutes for members of the public to make statements and ask questions of the Council. This item does not preclude Suspension of Standing Orders by the Council to allow participation on Items on the Agenda:**

- i) Each person will be required to state their name and address.**
- ii) Each person will be allowed no more than three minutes plus a brief follow-up to any answers given by the Council.**
- iii) Questions may be answered but not debated by the Council.**
- iv) Any issues that the Council considers require consideration should be referred to the next meeting of the Full Council or one of its Committees.**