

You are invited to attend a Meeting of Tidenham Parish Council that has been arranged for **Wednesday 19th March 2025 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 19th February 2025.
- 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.
[Tidenham and Sedbury | Police.uk \(www.police.uk\)](http://www.police.uk)
- b) **To note** reports that the number of PCSOs in the Forest of Dean area is to be reduced substantially.

6. COMMITTEES

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

- i) Finance and Probity Committee meeting held on 5th March 2025.
Questions to Councillor Russell, Chairman of the Committee.
- ii) Mopla Cottages Committee meeting held on 5th March 2025.
Questions to Councillor Russell, Chairman of the Committee.
- iii) Sedbury and Beachley Village Hall Committee meeting held on 5th March 2025.
Questions to Councillor Russell, Chairman of the Committee.
- iv) Amenities Committee meeting held on 12th March 2025.
Questions to Councillor Swambo, 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. **FINANCE**
- a) **To approve payments** according to the Financial Statement for February 2025.
 - b) **To receive and approve** the Financial Statement for February 2025.
 - c) **To note** the interest rate on the Monmouthshire Building Society account will reduce from 2.45% to 2.00% on 14th March 2025.
 - d) **To receive and note** the Receipts / Payments spreadsheet to February 2025 as presented to the Finance and Probity Committee at the meeting on 5th March 2025.
 - e) **To receive and note** the Budget Monitoring Spreadsheet 2024/2025 as presented to the Finance and Probity Committee at the meeting on 5th March 2025.
 - f) **To note** an invoice for £652.08 has been sent to the Sedbury and Beachley Village Hall Committee as reimbursement of charges and expenses for the online booking administrator. The Committee has agreed that the admin online booking costs for the Electric Vehicle are negligible as there is no invoicing or payments involved.
11. **EARMARKING OF FUNDS IN RESERVES – 2023/24 BUDGET**
- To consider** earmarking of funds for the following amounts for work that was approved during the 23/24 financial year but has not yet been carried out / invoiced:
- a) £5000.00 - SBVH play equipment replacement.
(Total 23/24 earmarked funds = £5000.00)
12. **EARMARKING OF FUNDS IN RESERVES – 2024/25 BUDGET**
- To consider** earmarking of funds for the following amounts for work that was approved during the 24/25 financial year but has not yet been carried out / invoiced:
- a) £4290.00 – Churchyard Wall Repairs. (Work may be completed, invoiced and paid before end of March 2025 – not to be included in earmarked funds if so.)
 - b) £10,000 – Play equipment repairs / replacement.
 - c) £1,540.20 – Shane Weldon for bus shelter repair.
 - d) £640.00 – Proposed Allotment Assn. management fee 24/25.
(Total 24/25/earmarked funds = £18025.40 (inc. Churchyard wall repairs.) (= £13735.40 if repairs not included.)
13. **RINGFENCING OF FUNDS IN RESERVES**
- a) **To consider** ringfencing of funds of £13,800 from future significant projects (originally reserves for HM Queen Platinum Jubilee projects 2022) for HM King Coronation Projects.
 - b) **To consider** ringfencing of funds of £9,124 for the Tidenham Youth Programme.
 - c) **To consider** ringfencing of previously earmarked funds of £1000 for refurbishment work on Ormerod Road roundabout.
 - d) **To consider** ringfencing of funds of £700 pending final consideration of grant applications by the Finance and Probity Committee.
(Total ringfenced funds = £24624.00).
14. **FINANCIAL REGULATIONS**
- To consider** adoption of revised Financial Regulations.
15. **KING ALFRED’S ROAD CCTV CAMERA**
- To note** the replacement HDD unit for the camera has not rectified the problem with the CCTV. The Assistant Clerk is corresponding with WCCTV Ltd. for a suitable solution.
16. **SEDBURY AND BEACHLEY VILLAGE HALL**
- a) **To consider** quotation of £190.00 plus VAT – total cost £225 - for replacement camera for the CCTV system from MJ Security (Original supplier of the CCTV System.)
 - b) **To consider** quotation of £65 plus VAT – total cost £78 – for call out to inspect second faulty camera from MJ Security.
 - c) **To note** Clerk to obtain quotation for door to be fitted at end storage room to include removal of redundant toilet and sink, to allow removal of storage items from the committee room so that it can be rented out as a consultation space.
17. **PLAY AREA WORKING GROUP**
- To consider** Councillors for the Play Area Working Group and for it to be re-convened.

18. **GOVERNMENT PLANS FOR DEVOLUTION TO UNITARY AUTHORITIES**
a) **To consider** working group to gather information and guide the Council on the process as it develops.
b) **To consider** support for a councillor led working group of West Dean Town and Parish Councils to establish if they can work together to take over local services and assets from the District Council. Councillor volunteer to join the group required.
19. **COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTIONS 1ST MAY 2025 – PRE-ELECTION PERIOD**
To note advice from the FoDDC on pre-election council activity.
20. **DEVELOPMENT SESSION – KIM BEDFORD 12TH FEBRUARY 2025**
To consider report and feedback from the meeting.
21. **CHANGES TO PARISH COUNCIL COMMITTEES**
To consider changes to Parish Council Committees and meetings.
22. **SEDBURY SPACE**
To consider link up with Sedbury Space for weekly drop in sessions.
23. **CORRESPONDENCE**
To receive and consider any other correspondence as detailed in the Clerk’s Report
24. **COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS**
To receive and note any matters which councillors wish to raise and where appropriate add to the agenda for the following meeting or meetings of committees.
25. **FUTURE MEETINGS**
To note the dates of future council and committee meetings:
Wednesday 26th March 2025 – Planning and Highways Committee.
Wednesday 16th April 2025 – Full 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.**