

Agenda

A Meeting of Staploe Parish Council will be Held at 7.45pm on Thursday 16th November 2023 in the Meeting Room at Wyboston Village Hall.

Apologies for absence

2023/088. Declarations of Interest (7.45-7.46)

2023/089. Public Open Forum (7.46-8.01)

2023/090. Approve Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 26th October 2023 (8.01-8.03)

2023/091. Borough Councillor J. Cox report (8.03-8.13)

2023/092. Eastpark Solar Farm Consultation (8.13-8.30)

Consider how to respond to the proposals for a 400MW solar farm between Hail Weston and Swineshead. None of the panels proposed are in our parish but the existing solar access track in our parish will be used and cables will run through Duloe.

2023/093. Social Event: Fish and Chip Night 18th November (8.30-8.38).

- 6pm for fish and chip van arriving at 6.30pm in Colmworth Village Hall
- Bring drinks and dessert to share
- Bingo. Introductions from Councillors
- £1036.57 remaining from Coronation Awards for All grant. 45 people expected. Hall hire £95. Food costs £262.50.
- £679.07 remaining for bingo set, decorations and soft drinks etc. Consider using remainder to buy slabs for path at cabins.

2023/094. Ward Fund (8.38-8.45)

- No quotes received for an awning with installation
- Consider Finance Committee proposal to apply for ward funding for a defibrillator

2023/095. Village Hall, Community Cabins, Playing Field and Football Club (8.45-8.50)

2023/096. Highways and Rights of Way (8.50-8.53)

2023/097. Ex Traveller Site Update (8.53-8.55)

2023/098. Neighbourhood Plan Update (8.55-9.00)

2023/099. Finance (9.00-9.20)

- Receipts and Payments
- Bank reconciliation and balance of earmarked reserves
- Performance against budget to date
- Agree budget and precept for 2024/25

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- Confirm whether receipts or payments are likely to exceed £25K and budget for external audit accordingly (this year and next).
- Consider need for a 3 year financial forecast

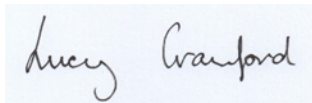
2023/100. Clerk's salary award (9.20-9.25)

- The Local Government Services Pay Agreement 2023 has been agreed and new payscales for 2023/24 have been issued. It works out at a 7.2% increase in the Clerk's salary. We had assumed a 5% increase so we had budgeted to pay £5841.61 for salary and pension but in fact it will be £6131.68 so an extra cost of £290.07 for the year.

2022/101. Review Policies and registers (9.25-9.30)

- Review asset registers
- Review policy for viewing and commenting on planning applications
- Review Councillor and Clerk's allowances

2022/102. Agree meeting dates for 2024 (9.30-9.33)

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Lucy Crawford, Clerk to Staploe Parish Council, 33, Staploe, St. Neots PE19 5JA