



North Weald Bassett

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ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

TO: MEMBERS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

PLEASE NOTE TIME OF THIS MEETING

This Meeting is open to any other North Weald Bassett Parish Councillor who wishes to attend

You are hereby invited to attend a meeting of the **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE** which will be held on **Wednesday, 9 November 2016** at **The Library, High Road, North Weald** at **10.30 am** to transact the business shown in the Agenda below.

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AGENDA

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** 

To **RECEIVE** any apologies for absence.

2. **OTHER ABSENCES**

To **NOTE** any absences for which no apology has been received.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** 

To **RECEIVE** any Declarations of Interest by Members

A Member with a personal interest in a matter must consider whether it is a Disclosable Pecuniary, Non Pecuniary or Other Pecuniary Interest, and declare it accordingly. A Member who is unsure as to how to declare their interest should seek independent advice.

4. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES** 

To **CONFIRM** the minutes of the meeting held on 21 September 2016, attached at **Appendix 1**.

5. WHERE DOES WATER GO? ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL PROJECT 

Charlotte Smith, Flood Assets Officer, Flood and Water Management, Essex County Council, will be in attendance at the meeting to invite Members to take part in the Where Does Water Go? Project, which will be running throughout the whole of Essex. The parish has been prioritised to complete the project this year, as it is shown to be at risk from surface water flooding as shown on the Environment Agency's flood maps.

6. CONSULTATION PROGRAM – TREES AND GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE EPPING FOREST DISTRICT 

EFDC have started a period of consultation to establish where the important green areas, open spaces, trees and general green infrastructure are located throughout the District. The PFO recently attended a consultation event held at Ongar, where members present were asked to identify areas that are important to local residents, or required some form of protection, such as veteran or valued trees, local walks, open play spaces, nature areas, dog walks, etc. It is expected that an event will be held in North Weald Bassett over the coming months, however Councillors are asked start thinking about any such areas that need to be identified. A further update will be given at the meeting.

7. FREE TREES FROM OVO ENERGY 

The Clerk has received correspondence from The Conservation Volunteers inviting the Parish Council to apply for free trees. The trees are available in four different packs of 50. Members are asked to **CONSIDER** if there are any areas of Parish Council owned land which could benefit from this offer.

8. GRAFFITI

Members are asked to **NOTE** that the Parish Office has recently received two reports of offensive graffiti. One report referred to play equipment at Weald Common and the other was the bus shelter outside of the Kings Head. Arrangements were made to remove the graffiti.

9. PLAY AREAS

A verbal report will be given at the meeting, regarding any matters relating to the play areas.

10. CEMETERY

A verbal report will be given at the meeting, regarding any matters relating to the cemetery.

11. ALLOTMENTS

A verbal report will be given at the meeting, regarding any matters relating to the allotment sites.

12. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS – VILLAGE GREEN, NORTH WEALD 

Members are asked to **CONSIDER** what arrangements, if any, they would like to make for this year.

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