



North Weald Bassett

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1st January 2019

A Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 7th January 2019, in North Weald Library, High Road, North Weald Bassett at **7.30pm** to transact the business shown in the Agenda below.

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Members of the public and press are invited to attend this meeting

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. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES 🖐

📄 To **APPROVE**, as a correct record:

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 3rd December 2018

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 17th December 2018

To **NOTE** the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Hall at Thornwood held on 6th December 2018

All as attached at *Appendix 1*.

4. 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

5. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

To **RECEIVE** questions from members of the public.

In accordance with an agreed procedure, the time allocated for public questions shall be limited to 15 minutes or such other period determined by the Chairman of the Meeting.

6. ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL STREET LIGHTS 

The Clerk has received **NOTIFICATION** regarding the Street Lights that are situated on Roads that are the usual responsibility of Essex County Council and which have a partial darkness policy, ie switched off partially during the night. It has been suggested that the Parish Council may wish to take responsibility for the lighting of these roads (as some other Towns and Parishes have - it is thought during the partial lighting time). It is understood that the cost of this is expected to be £10,000 per annum (this would have to be paid for by the Parish Council). However it is unsure whether any maintenance or other associated costs are included within this cost. Members are asked if they would like to take on the **RESPONSIBILITY** of lighting those roads during the hours of 1 am and 5 am. The Parish Council Lights are not turned off during this time.

7. CONFIRMATION OF PRECEPT 

As detailed in the Finance and General Precept Minutes (F&GP). It is necessary to formally **RESOLVE** to accept the recommended Precept figure as agreed at the F&GP Committee meeting on 17th December 2018 as follows:

It had been RESOLVED at that meeting to put a recommendation to full Council to request a precept of £219,256 for the period 2019/2020.

All documentation relating to the Budget and Precept can be found in the F&GP Minutes. Once formally agreed this figure will be sent over to Epping Forest District Council.

8. ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL LIBRARY CONSULTATION – NORTH WEALD 

To **CONFIRM** the action suggested by the Parish Council Library Consultation Working Group, which met on Wednesday 2nd January 2019.

9. LIBRARY ASSET OF COMMUNITY VALUE NOMINATION

Councillors will recall that this Parish Council recently agreed to nominate relevant buildings / land in the Parish as Assets of Community Value, the first nomination being North Weald Library. It was reported at the December meeting that this nomination had been received by EFDC, and that the initial criteria had been met. However, on 19th December 2018, notification was received from EFDC that the nomination *"failed to meet the criteria set out in Section 88(1)(a) of the Localism Act, in that whilst it is currently used as a Library there is insufficient information contained within the Community Nomination as to the current usage of the library to enable me to determine that the North Weald Library furthers the social wellbeing and social interests of the Local Community."* Further information will be provided at the meeting.

10. PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATION AT EXAMINATION IN PUBLIC AT THE LOCAL PLAN 

To **CONFIRM** details of the Parish Council Representation at Epping Forest District Council Local Plan. A verbal report will be given at the meeting.

11. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS 

In the event that the Agenda contains Exempt (pink) pages, or an item needs to be discussed confidentially, to **CONSIDER** the following motion to be proposed by the Chairman:

“That the public and the press be excluded from the meeting, the Council believing that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business about to be discussed.”

There are currently **NO** confidential items to be considered