

# North Weald Bassett

## PARISH COUNCIL

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9 November 2021

# **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE**

#### TO: MEMBERS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

#### PLEASE NOTE THE 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, 17th November 2021 at 10.00am to transact the business shown in the agenda below.

This meeting will be held in the Thornwood Common Parish Hall, Weald Hall Lane, Thornwood, with the necessary social distancing measures in place. Public attendance may be limited based on the numbers of people who may wish to attend and to ensure compliance with COVID secure measures. Face Masks may be worn if appropriate.

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## **AGENDA**

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE <sup>™</sup>

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 held on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021, as attached at APPENDIX 1.

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## **4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** <sup>™</sup>

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. RESPONSE TO EFDC'S CLIMATE CHANGE CONSULTATION

## 7. ESSEX FOREST INITIATIVE

The Chairman and Senior Administrative Officer recently attended a site meeting at Weald Common with Essex County Council's Officer for Forestry and Woodlands. The purpose of the visit was to assess if the Parish Council owned field (adjacent to the road which separates Weald Common and Higham View) would be suitable for a tree planting project. A verbal report will be given at the meeting.

#### 8. TREE RISK ASSESSMENT

Councillors are asked to *NOTE* that the Annual Arboricultural Assessment Report, was undertaken on 28 October 2021. As a result of the tree works completed earlier this year, the annual tree inspection report shows there are no issues that require remedy in the next 12 months, which is great news.

## 9. PLAY AREAS UPDATE

#### a) Annual Play Area Inspection

The Annual Play Area Inspections were undertaken in September. A verbal report will be given at the meeting.

**b)** Replacement of Swing – a verbal report will be given at the meeting.

## c) RoSPA Operational Playground Inspection Course

Councillors are asked to *NOTE* that the Parish Council's Contractor attended a RoSPA Operational Playground Inspection Course in September and has received a certificate and identification badge to confirm that he is competent to carry out Operational Inspections of Children's Playgrounds. The certificate expires in September 2024.

#### 10. ALLOTMENTS

a) Allotment Warden and Deputy – Wheelers Farm Gardens & Queens Road Sites Councillors are *ADVISED* that two long-term tenants of Wheelers Farm Gardens site have agreed to take on the role of Allotment Warden on a temporary basis. Paul Dines is acting as Warden, with Dave Evans acting as deputy. The role(s) will be reviewed at the Annual Allotment Holders Meeting.

## b) Annual Allotment Holders Meeting – Provisional Date

Councillors are asked to *NOTE* that the morning of Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> March 2022 has been booked as a provisional date for the Annual Allotment Holders Meeting.

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#### 11. CEMETERY

The Clerk and the Senior Administrative Officer recently attended a Garden of Remembrance Training Course. The Clerk will give a verbal report at the meeting.

## 12. EPPING FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED MARKET POLICY

The Clerk has received notification from Epping Forest District Council of their consultation on Proposed Market Policy, details of which were sent via email to Councillors on the 5<sup>th</sup> November 2021. The closing date for comments is Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021. Councillors are **ASKED** to bring any comments that they may have to this meeting.

> Susan De Luca Clerk to the Council