

## NOTICE OF A MEETING OF WATER ORTON PARISH COUNCIL

To be held at the Pavilion, Openfield Croft, at 6.30pm on Thursday 25 April 2024

*Members of the public and the press are welcome to attend.*

Dear Councillor,

19 April 2024

You are summoned to attend a meeting of Water Orton Parish Council to be held at the Pavilion, Openfield Croft at **6.30pm** on **Thursday 25 April 2024** at which the following business will be transacted. Any Councillor unable to attend should forward their apologies either to the Clerk or the Chairman.

If you have any queries regarding this information, please do not hesitate to contact the Clerk.

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Parish Clerk  
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### AGENDA

<b>24.65</b>	<b>Apologies:</b>	
	To receive and approve reasons for absence	
<b>24.66</b>	<b>Public participation:</b>	
	The meeting to adjourn for up to <u>15 minutes</u> (maximum of 3 minutes per speaker) to allow for public participation. Residents are invited to give their views and question the Parish Council on issues on this agenda or raise issues for future consideration at the discretion of the Chairman. <i>Members of the public wishing to raise issues which are not on the agenda should notify the Clerk, members of the Public may not take part in the Council Meeting itself. You are requested to send your comments to the Clerk by midday on the day of the meeting.</i>	
	a) Members of the Public & Press b) Reports from County and District Councillors (for information only) if present: c) Report from Police representative (for information only) if present:	
<b>24.67</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest and dispensations:</b>	
	To receive Declarations of Interests and consider grant of dispensations of which written notice has been received by the Clerk.	
<b>24.68</b>	<b>Minutes:</b>	
	To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 28 March 2024. <b>(APPENDIX 1)</b>	
<b>24.69</b>	<b>Reports from Chairman, Parish Councillors:</b>	
	Report from Chairman. Cllr Freeman-Update on Annual Parish Gathering in May. <b>(APPENDIX 2)</b>	

<b>24.70</b>	<b>Water Orton United Football Club:</b>	
	To discuss and consider the following proposals by Water Orton United Football Club:	
70a)	How to dispose of the old goal posts (they are over 25 years old) to consider whether to try and sell them, or alternatively scrap them via the contractor who did the work for the gate compound.	
70b)	The Parish Council to approve the proposal of a creation of a small 5 a side pitch area for a future junior team to use which would be located adjacent to the main pitch. Once the old ground sockets are dug out it is proposed that the pitch could be moved across further towards Vicarage Lane. Water Orton United Football Club propose they would promote the creation of a junior team that could use their club's name and use the pitch for a fee at a rate to be considered by the Parish Council. The football club propose that they make further investigations of the going rate for football teams.	
70c)	The Parish Council are being asked to agree the proposal by Water Orton Football Club to store the new junior goals that are owned by the football club, and to consider options going forward whether it would be workable for the junior goals to be rented out, and how it could be promoted. <b>(APPENDIX 3)</b>	
<b>24.71</b>	<b>Orchard Nurseries: Donation</b>	
	To consider for resolution, a proposal from Orchard Nurseries who are asking the Parish Council for support on the installation of a disabled toilet for the Gardeners Rest part of their nursery. They are asking for a financial donation as currently they have no disabled toilet/baby changing facility. <b>(APPENDIX 4)</b>	
<b>24.72</b>	<b>Orchard Nurseries: Train Station Planting:</b>	
	To consider for resolution, a proposal from Orchard Nurseries to plant on the Water Orton Train Station railings twice a year free of charge and to maintain the same as long as they are able to advertise their contribution. <b>(APPENDIX 5)</b>	
<b>24.73</b>	<b>Bowls Club-Defibrillator</b>	
	To support the Bowls Club to provide a publicly available defibrillator. 1. To seek to help access external funding. 2. To consider part funding the defibrillator. To enter budget lines for future years to help "restock" the defibrillator in the event of wider community use. <b>(APPENDIX 6)</b>	
<b>24.74</b>	<b>Maintenance:</b>	
	To receive monthly play inspection report from Cllr Chown (if available)	
<b>24.75</b>	<b>Hedges and plant overgrowth:</b>	
	To consider and discuss going forward how the Parish Council could address the problem of hedges and plant overgrowth onto public footpaths and other public areas in Water Orton. To consider the proposal to set up a Working Group to be promoted at the Annual Parish Gathering in May. <b>(APPENDIX 7)</b>	

<b>24.76</b>	<b>Insurance:</b>	
76a)	To confirm the arrangements for insurance cover in respect of all insurable risks.	
76b)	To approve insurance policy and associated costs from 01 June 2024 <b>(APPENDIX 8)</b>	
76c)	To consider when the Pavilion and Bowls Pavilion were last valued. If it is the case that the properties have not been valued within the last three years it has strongly been recommended by Clear Group that the properties are valued. To approve the proposal that the properties should be valued, and approve the costs of the valuation reports. <b>(APPENDIX 8a - to follow)</b>	
<b>24.77</b>	<b>Finance:</b>	
77a)	The van is due for its yearly service and is provisionally booked in at BMC Garage, Water Orton on Friday 26 April 2024. To approve the payment for the cost of the service in the sum of £300.00. <b>(APPENDIX 9 - to follow)</b>	
77b)	To consider and approve the payment for the cost of the spring plants and fertiliser (order usually placed with Orchard Nurseries, Water Orton) and compost for the village planters and hanging baskets. The approximate costs for the plants, flowers and fertiliser would be approximately £200.00 The cost of 9 bags of compost needed would be approximately £45.00	
77c)	Email was received from “The Company of the Curtain”, dated 31 January 2024, regarding rental increase charges. Company of the Curtain’s rental agreement states rent reviews are three yearly and the last one was two years ago. To approve the Company of Curtain’s increase in rent charges would be effective from 01 April 2026 <b>(APPENDIX 10)</b>	
77d)	To approve the payment schedule up to 18 April 2024, and items paid under delegated authority since previous schedule. <b>(APPENDIX 11- to follow)</b>	
77e)	To approve the 2024-25 receipts and payments account and bank reconciliation to 18 April 2024. <b>(APPENDIX 12- to follow)</b>	
<b>24.78</b>	<b>Clerks Report:</b>	
	To note the Clerk’s Report. <b>(APPENDIX 13- to follow)</b>	
<b>24.79</b>	<b>Community Orchard Grant:</b>	
	At the Parish Council Meeting held on 29 February 2024 it was RESOLVED under <b>minute ref: 24.27</b> that the Parish Council would approve the making of an application for funding for a community orchard. It was considered that the land /footpath alongside the school Christopher Way would be the most suitable to place a community orchard. The application needs to be made by September 2024, with the trees planted by March 2025. The Parish Council to consider and discuss any comments and contributions in completing the grant application <b>(APPENDIX 14)</b>	
<b>24.80</b>	<b>Water Orton Development Site-Realignment of the footpath</b>	
	To consider the request to move the footpath on the village green.	

	<p>Resolution 1. To approve / reject the request to move the footpath on the village green.</p> <p>Resolution 2. If Resolution 1 rejected – to write to NWBC to comment on the planning application to detail possible impact / safety implications of the proposed access to old school site development.</p> <p>Resolution 3. If resolution 1 approved – to form a committee to engage with development company to finalise proposals.</p> <p>Resolution 4. That the Parish Council reserves the right to revisit this matter after the conclusion of planning process. <b>(APPENDIX 15)</b></p>	
<b>24.81</b>	<b>Planning Policy Consultations:</b>	
	<p>The Borough Council is seeking the Parish Council's views on the following documents by 09 May 2024. <b>(APPENDIX 16)</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Revised Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)</li> <li>2. Draft Sustainability Appraisal (SA) Scoping Report;</li> <li>3. Draft Employment Development Plan Document (DPD) – Scope Issues and Options</li> <li>4. Economic Development Strategy and Action Plan (Draft)</li> </ol> <p>To confirm whether a date has been arranged for a Teams Meeting with Councillors to go through the policy and obtain the Parish Council views which need to be submitted by 09 May 2024.</p>	
<b>24.82</b>	<b>Planning:</b>	
82a)	To consider new applications: None	
82b)	To report decisions on previous planning applications made by NWBC (for information only)	
<b>24.83</b>	<b>Items for Next Meeting:</b>	
	Clerk to forward Agenda Item Reporting Sheet to Councillors.	
<b>24.84</b>	<b>Date, Time and Place of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and the Parish Council Meetings for 2024/25:</b>	
	<p>The next Parish Council meeting would be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council the proposed date being Thursday 30 May 2024 at 6.30pm at the Playing Field Pavilion, Openfield Croft, Water Orton.</p> <p>To confirm the schedule of Parish Council Meetings for 2024/25 as follows, and to discuss whether to hold a Parish Council Meeting in April 2025:</p> <p>Thursday 27th June 2024, Thursday 25th July 2024, Thursday 26th September 2024, Thursday 31st October 2024, Thursday 28th November 2024, Thursday 30th January 2025, Thursday 27th February 2025 Thursday 27th March 2025. All meetings to be held at 6:30pm at The Playing Field Pavilion, Openfield Croft, Water Orton.</p>	
<b>24.85</b>	<b>Closed Session:</b>	
	To consider moving into a closed session and exclude the public and press, in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.	

