



MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Parish council members are summoned to the meeting to be held on **Wed, 11th March, 2020**
in Southdowns Manor, Trotton commencing at 20.00hrs

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

Neil Ryder, clerk 5th March 2020

AGENDA

1. **Apologies for absence**
2. **Disclosure of Interests**
To receive any disclosure by members of personal interests in matters on the agenda.
3. **Public questions**
The next ten minutes are available for the public to express a view or ask a question on relevant matters on the following agenda.
4. **Reports from district and county councillors.**
5. **Minutes from the council meeting held on 8th January 2020.**
Matters arising (mainly covered in items below)
6. **Trees in Chithurst graveyard** (see notes below)
 - a) Decision on felling (including confirmation of contractor) and timing (if appropriate)
 - b) Decide whether to accept or appeal against court fees
7. **Finance** (see notes below)
 - a) Current year update
 - b) Payments requiring authorisation
 - c) Request for donation
 - d) Budget for 2020-21
8. **Current consultations** (see notes below)
 - a) WSCC small schools consultation
 - b) Rake-Rogate federation
9. **Environment / highways**
 - a) Operation Watershed – CB update
 - b) Climate change / eco-Rother group - BC update
 - c) Paths and open spaces: BC update
10. **Updates on current projects / plans:**
 - d) Telephone box opposite St Georges – DD update
 - e) Events: dates & arrangements for annual parish meeting and Trotton fete – TR update
11. **Information for councillors that are considered urgent or to be included on future agenda.**
12. **Date of next meeting: 11th March 2020**

Meeting papers will normally be available on our website at least 3 days ahead of the meeting:

www.trotton-with-chithurst.org.uk (see "What's on" page and papers are attached to the appropriate meeting)

Notes to agenda

Agenda item

6 Trees in Chithurst graveyard

- a) Faculty (permission) granted on 13 Feb 2020 by Consistory Court of the Diocese of Chichester – see meeting papers - to fell the tree. PC given 5 years to complete the works.
- b) There is insufficient time to reconsider the contract and get the work done before the nesting season, so members need to decide whether to arrange a contract now for the work to be done in the autumn, and whether to stick with the decision it made in November to award the contract to Arborlec (presumably subject to confirmation that its quote of £1,600 will be extended).
- c) PC paid £302 “lodgement fee” to the court and has been invoiced £520 “judgement fee” – see item 7 on agenda – but has been promised a contribution of at least £1,000 from church members.

7. Finance:

- a) Current year update: See meeting papers for updated budget, bank statements etc: main changes relate to item 6 above (court fees and delay in felling contract) and removal of contingency amounts.
- b) Payments requiring authorisation before next meeting: court fees (£520) & donation to Midhurst community bus
- c) Request for donation for Midhurst Area Cycling – previous decision has been to restrict PC donations to services that very directly impact residents
- d) Budget for 2020-21 – see meeting papers. Includes allowance for tree-felling but not yet contribution from church members (see item 6 above). Note that precept already set but may need to increase for following year to repay costs of felling tree

8 Current consultations

- a) WSSC small schools consultation: WSSC has suspended the consultation on closure of Stedham primary to allow the governors more time (until cabinet meeting on 21 April) to finalise partnership agreement with Harting C of E primary
- b) Rake-Rogate federation: Rake and Rogate C of E primaries have started a consultation on formalising their partnership into a legal federation. Our PC is not a required consultee but we have residents whose children attend the schools and the governors hope the PC will support the proposals (see meeting papers).