

East Worlington Parish Council

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Notice is hereby given that a Parish Council Meeting will take place on Thursday 21st November 2024 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

All Councillors are hereby summoned to attend for the purpose of considering and resolving upon the business to be transacted as set out hereunder.

Members of the public are welcome to attend.

AGENDA

1.11.24: Welcome (Chair)

Chair to open meeting and inform the meeting if a recording is being taken to assist in the preparation of the minutes, the recording will be deleted once the draft minutes are published.

2.11.24 Apologies for absence: (Chair)

Resolution to approve apologies (with reasons) made prior to the meeting.

3.11.24: Minutes of the Last Meeting (Chair).

Cllrs to consider the approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 26th September 2024.

4.11.24 Co-option Vacancy (anyone wishing to stand should contact the Clerk) (Chair)

Cllrs to consider candidates who have [completed the form](#) and been confirmed as eligible to stand prior the Meeting.

5.11.24 Declarations of Interest. (Chair)

Cllrs are invited to declare any interests they may have in items on this agenda, including the nature of the interest. Cllrs are reminded to keep their Register of Interests updated.

6.11.24: Public Speaking Time (max. 3minutes/person. Session time: 10 minutes).

The public are invited to speak on issues on this Agenda, raise issues for future consideration, other matters which the council has some control over. Members of the public may not speak during other items. Any items raised will not be discussed at this meeting but may be added to the next Agenda.

7.11.24: Report to & from Devon County & N.D District Cllrs (Max. 10 minutes)

*This is for reports between Cllrs rather than discussion points unless listed on Agenda.

8.11.24: Reports to and from the Parish Road Warden (Cllr Sturla).

9.11.24 Current & New Business:

- a) Community Survey & and Parish Liaison working groups – Update from working groups (Cllrs Bell & Hurst-Bannister)
- b) To discuss Neighbourhood Watch Scheme (Chair)
- c) To retrospectively approve the letter sent to DCC Highways regarding the speed limit within in the Village (Chair)
- d) Cllrs to receive update on War Memorial works (Chair/Cllr Sturla)
- e) [Fire service consultation](#) (Chair)

Every year we ask our communities and businesses about the level of precept (council tax contribution) for the fire and rescue service. This consultation is open now until midday on 26 November.

We would like to hear from as many people as possible across Devon and Somerset to better understand our residents' views. Please can you complete the [online survey](#) and share this with your networks. Should you or anyone else be unable to complete this online please call 01392 872354 and leave a message with your name and number.

Whilst we are aware of the pressures many of us are facing now and in the coming months, your feedback will help to make more informed decisions for the next financial year.

f) Meet the Leader of DCC – Opportunity for Cllrs to attend a meeting with Leader of DCC, James McInnes on 12th December 6-8pm at Roundswell Community Centre, Gratton Way, Town Centre, Barnstaple, EX31 3NL

Join us for an exclusive opportunity to meet the Leader of Devon County Council, where parish councils can hear directly about the county's current priorities, key challenges, and plans for the upcoming year, including discussions on the budget and future strategies. This session will provide valuable insights into the Council's vision and allow for an open, interactive discussion on parish priorities, helping to inform Devon County Council's thinking moving forward. This is a chance for your parish to have its voice heard and to engage in meaningful dialogue on issues that matter most to your community. Whether it's budgetary concerns, service priorities, or long-term plans, this is your forum to collaborate with the county leader and the senior leadership team, and fellow parish representatives.

g) Government Consultation: Enabling remote attendance and proxy voting at local authority meetings (Chair/Clerk)

Covering Email from DLAC: At the Local Government Association Conference, the deputy prime minister announced a consultation on **allowing councils to use virtual attendance** at council meetings. This [consultation paper has been published](#) with a closing date of **19 December**, applying to both parish meetings, and parish and town councils. We know the issue of remote meetings has been important to our members for a long time, and DALC's position is to advocate for parish and town councils to have the **flexibility to meet remotely**. NALC has also been campaigning nationally on this topic and we all welcome the Government's consultation. **We urge all parish and town councils to complete the consultation.** This consultation is vital for demonstrating the strong support for this flexibility.

h) Invitation to attend (in person or virtually) at the [North Devon Council Parish Forum on Wednesday 27 November 2024 at 6.30 pm, in the Barum room, BEC](#) (Chair/Clerk)

i) Update on the Parish Magazine including funding for printing and timeline (Cllr Sturla)

j) Cllrs to consider approval of EWPC 015 Reserves Policy V2 – Draft as circulated.

10.11.24: Finance Matters (Clerk):

a) To approve the Financial Schedule as circulated (18/11/24).

b) To receive and approve the 2nd Quarter budget 2024-2025 report as circulated (18/11/24).

c) To receive and discuss the 1st Draft 2025-2026 Budget.

11.11.24 Reports & items for future agendas:

Councillors are reminded that this is not an opportunity for debate or decision making.

a) Clerk: Advanced notice 80th VE anniversary – 8th May 2025

b) Clerk: Notice of Annual Leave 30/11/24 to 08/12/24 & 21/12/24 to 05/01/25 inclusive.

12.11.24: Confirmation of the next meeting: (Chair) Any changes will be on the Website.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 28th November 2024, 7.30pm at the Parish Hall.

13.11.24: Confidential items (PART II) Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s1 (2).

a) Resolution required to move the Council into Part II.

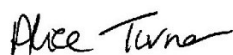
b) Parish Hall lease renewal – To consider quotes (Cllr Sturla) (*Commercially sensitive*).

c) To consider report from H. R Committee following Staff Appraisal (*Employment matter*).

d) Land Transfer – Update (Cllr Sturla/Cllr Bell)

e) Request for funding from Ringsash Methodist Circuit (Clerk)

f) The Chair to return the meeting to public session to hear resolutions.



Alice Turner – Proper Officer

Date: 14th November 2024