

East Worlington Parish Council

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Notice is hereby given that a Parish Council Meeting will take place on Thursday 23rd January 2025 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

1.01.25: 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.

2.01.25 Apologies for absence: (Chair)

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

3.01.25: Minutes of the Last Meeting (Chair).

Cllrs to consider the approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 26th September 2024 & 21st November 2024.

4.01.25 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.

5.01.25 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.

6.01.25: 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.

7.01.25: 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.

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

9.01.25 Current & New Business:

- a) Community Survey & and Parish Liaison working groups – Update (Cllrs Bell & Hurst-Bannister)
- b) Cllrs to receive update on War Memorial works (Chair/Cllr Sturla)
- c) Invitation to Smaller Council Meeting - Devolution White Paper virtual meeting
30/01/2025 10am -12pm (Clerk)
- d) [Fire service consultation- Automatic Fire Alarms](#) (Chair)

“The following message from our Chief Fire Officer, Gavin Ellis provides the context as to why we are considering changes: ‘Last year, our crews responded to an average of 16 false alarms every day due to automatic fire alarms, placing an unnecessary burden on the Service’s resources and our ability to be ready and available for genuine emergencies.

In the last five years, we have been alerted to more than 55,000 automatic fire alarms, out of which just 42 needed the hose reel jet from one of our fire engines, which is less than 0.08%.’

We’re looking at how we can reduce the number of automatic fire alarms we attend to make our Service more efficient, and make sure our firefighters are able to respond to genuine emergencies. More detailed information about the consultation, and a link to a public survey for

feedback, is available on our website www.dsfire.gov.uk/about-us/AFA-consultation. There will also be opportunities to question and answer events. We want to make absolutely clear to our communities that any change is only in our response to an automatic alert and we will always attend if someone has reported a sign of fire. We will also always attend single domestic properties, such as houses, or where there is a known night-time sleeping risk. We also have a number of high risk buildings where we will also maintain a response. Details of these can be found in our consultation document.” Deadline for responses is the 09/04/2025.

- e) **Consideration of DALC training Courses as circulated to Cllrs. (Clerk)**
- f) **Update on the Parish Magazine including funding for printing and timeline (Cllr Sturla)**
- g) **Cllrs to consider approval of EWPC 015 Reserves Policy V2 – Draft as circulated. (Chair)**
- h) **Cllrs to discuss matter raised in November Public Speaking time relating to CCTV – quote being obtained for the village hall, will also ask about cost for 3x cameras in and around the village- Old Post Office, Oak Ash & Thorne (Chair)**
- i) **Community Governance Review (Chair)**

North Devon Council have commenced a review of Community Governance arrangements for the North Devon District area. This review includes parish boundary changes, Parish/Town ward changes, changes to the numbers of Councillors on a Parish/Town Council, grouping or meeting of councils, creation of a parish council or change of a parish council to a parish meeting. A Community Governance Review (CGR) allows us to review the electoral arrangements for all or part of the North Devon district. There is an opportunity for Parish/Town Councils to feed into this process. A review of all the North Devon District Parishes will be taking place after the Devon County Council elections in May 2025. The first stage was the presentation to the Parishes at the Parish Forum in November 2024.

Once a Terms of Reference has been drafted and approved by Full Council it will be published and will include the scope of the review, a timetable and any proposals made during the information gathering stage. That will be begin a period of full consultation.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind the Town and Parish Councils to raise Community Governance reviews at the next round of parish council meetings and provide us with your feedback. Further details can be found on our website: [Community governance reviews | North Devon Council](#).

10.01.25: Finance Matters (Clerk):

- a) **To approve the Financial Schedule as circulated.**
- b) **To receive and approve the 2nd Quarter budget 2024-2025 report as circulated.**
- c) **To receive and discuss the Final Draft 2025-2026 Budget.**

11.01.25 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: Notification of Annual Leave 10/02/2024 to 16/02/2025 inclusive**

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

The next meeting will be on Thursday 27th March 2025, 7.30pm at the Parish Hall.

13.01.25: 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: 19th January 2025