

WETTENHALL & CHOLMONDESTON PARISH COUNCIL

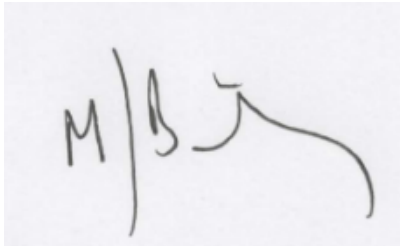
Clerk to the Parish Council: Dr. Mark Bailey

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Dear Councillors

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Parish Council, to be held on **Wednesday 20th March 2024** at 7:30pm at St. David's Church, Long Lane, Wettenhall CW7 4DN.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M/B' followed by a stylized flourish.

Clerk: Mark Bailey
Date: 14th March 2024

AGENDA

PART A

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence should be notified to the Clerk before 6.00 pm on the day of the meeting, if possible.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members to declare any disclosable pecuniary interest or non-pecuniary interest which they have in any item of business on the agenda, the nature of that interest, and in respect of disclosable interests, to leave the meeting prior to the discussion of that item.

If declarations are not made at this point in the proceedings, they should be made as soon as the Member becomes aware of an interest.

Whilst the Clerk can advise on the Code of Conduct and its interpretation, the decision to declare (or not) is the responsibility of the Parish Councillor, based on the circumstances of the matter in hand.

3 MINUTES – 20TH DECEMBER 2023 (PARISH COUNCIL MEETING)

To approve, as a correct record, the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20th December 2023.

<http://cholmondestonandwettenhall-pc.gov.uk/Minutes-and-Agendas.aspx>

4 MATTERS ARISING

To raise any matters from the above minutes, including the following items: -

- Boot and Slipper Site – the site looks good – will liaise with Cllr Lane on employing a gardener to look after the site. The Chair said that he would approach potential candidates.
- Village Green – no further updates will merge with Boot and Slipper issue. Members **AGREED** to get quotes for a bench and for a bin on the site.
- Neighbourhood Planning – Cllr Richard Strachan (Darnhall PC) agreed to attend the next meeting.
- Speed Gun – all those using the gun need to be re-trained.
- Speeding – still an issue, but some impact via use of signs – Members discussed the matter, including drivers using the area as a short cut, issues with horseboxes and larger forms of transport. Cllr Peacock said that she would contact the local PSCO about these matters.

- Police Cluster Meetings – Members were asked for their views. The Parish Council was generally supportive of the idea. The regular meetings with the Police and Crime Commissioner were also mentioned.

5 CASUAL VACANCIES

One vacancy exists on the Parish Council following the elections on 4th May 2023.

As per the Parish Council's Standing Orders, the vacancies have been advertised.

The Council is now invited to co-opt individuals to fill the vacancies.

The Clerk will read out the names of any individuals who have indicated that they wish to be considered for the vacancies. Parish Councillors present at the meeting are then asked to nominate individuals. Any nominations must also be seconded. Councillors may nominate any other individuals known to them in addition to the names read out by the Clerk.

Candidates do not have to be present for the decision but may be invited to speak in support of their candidature prior to any nomination.

RECOMMENDATION:

Members are asked to nominate individuals to fill the vacancies on the Parish Council and vote on any nomination(s).

6 PUBLIC FORUM

Members of the public are invited to ask questions or address Members on any matter of Parish Council business.

7 FINANCIAL MATTERS

Members are asked to consider the following matters: -

<http://cholmondestonandwettenhall-pc.gov.uk/Council-Finances.aspx>

7.1 Ledger (1.4.23-31.12.23)

Members are asked to note the ledger for the period 1.4.23-31.12.23)

7.2 Budget Monitoring Report (Quarter 3 – April 2023-Dec 2023)

Members are asked to note the budget monitoring report for the third quarter of the 2023/24 financial year. Also attached is a summary of receipts and payments for the same period.

7.3 Payments for Authorisation

Members are asked to authorise the following items for payment.

Mark Bailey	£500.00 (Clerk Salary Jan-Mar 2024)
HMRC	£125.00 (Tax Months 10-12 2023/24)

Shires Accountants £19.80 (Payroll Costs)
Orangutan UK £50.00 (Domain Renewal)

8 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT

Cheshire East Councillor Rebecca Posnett will be invited to update the meeting on issues affecting Cheshire East Council.

9 HIGHWAY MATTERS/SPEED WATCH

Members to consider matters relating to highways and road safety.

- Road Warning Signs – bend between the Boot and Slipper junction and the Hickhurst Lane junction on Winsford Road.
- Grass Verges – cutting of grass verges in the parish.

10 PLANNING MATTERS

Members to consider matters relating to planning in the parish.

11 COMMUNICATION/SHARED INFORMATION

Members to consider any other matters not on the agenda (decisions cannot be made under this agenda heading).

12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 22nd May 2024 – 7.30pm – St David’s Church (Annual Meeting).

13 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Due to their confidential nature, Members may decide to exclude the press and public from the meeting during consideration of the following matters in accordance with section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960. Reports relating to these items have been withheld from public circulation and deposit.

PART B

14. VILLAGE GREEN – PURCHASE OF BIN/BENCH

Further to the item under Matters Arising above – Members are asked to consider quotes for a bin/bench at the village green site. Report has been emailed separately.