

MENDLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Annual Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 17 May 2023 7pm
Old School Room, Mendlesham

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1. To elect the Chair of the Parish Council

2. To elect the Vice-Chair of the Parish Council

3. To receive the Chair's Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

4. To receive Parish Councillor Acceptance of Office.

5. Welcome, apologies for absence and filming statement. `

6. General Power of Competence: to resolve that Mendlesham Parish Council meets the criteria of having a qualified clerk and 2/3 elected councillors at the last ordinary election and is eligible to use the General Powers of Competence (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012 until the Annual Meeting of Mendlesham Parish Council after the next ordinary election.

7. To note the Mendlesham Code of Conduct

8. Data Protection: to note the Mendlesham Data Protection policies including New Councillor Privacy Statement, Information Protection Policy and complete GDPR Check list for Councillors.

9. Declarations of interest:

- a) To note Councillor's declarations of interest in any of the following agenda items.
- b) To note any dispensations with regard to declarations of interest.

10.To approve minutes:

Extra Ordinary meeting held on 19 April 2023 for accuracy and as a true record of the meeting.

Neighbourhood Plan draft committee minutes 17.5.22

To note as per standing order 5j and proposed disbandment of the Mendlesham Neighbourhood Plan Committee , draft minutes of the last meeting 17.5.23 were circulated to all committee members, with no further comment. A member of the public subsequently provided a comment with regard to accuracy of the minutes which will be placed on file accordingly.

11. To appoint members to the following existing committees/roles as required:

Allotment representative (previously Cllr Orton).

Finance & General Purposes Advisory committee

To confirm previous discussions that this committee should not meet on a regular basis but to nominate members in case of need. (Previously Cllrs Allen, Exley, N Foster and Ward)

Planning Committee

To confirm previous discussions that this committee should not meet.

Footpath Officer (previously Cllr Exley for Mendlesham, Cllr Ward for Mendlesham Green).

Woodland Officer (previously Mr J Michell).

Playing field equipment officers: (previously Mr B Gardiner Mendlesham, Mr D Nunn Mendlesham Green).

School/Community Centre Joint Liaison Committee: (previously Cllrs Exley, Nunn and Orton). To note representation only, no delegated powers.

USAAF 34TH Bomb Memorial Advisory Committee (previously Cllrs Nunn and Orton, Paul Allen, Carolyn Triscott, Father P Gray and Cllr A Arnold, Wetheringsett Parish Council). To agree authorisation to monitor the memorial project and funds.

Emergency Planning Officers: (Previously Mr Nunn, Mendlesham Green, Cllr Exley, Mendlesham)

12. Standing Orders:

To confirm general standing orders and financial standing orders from 1.4.23.

13. To confirm payment of PAYE, pension and utility bills as required, without waiting until authorisation of Ordinary meeting plus payment of utility bills by direct debit.

14. To appoint bank signatories: (currently Cllrs Allen, Davey, Nunn, Orton, plus Sharon Jones including use of online banking facility) Any two to sign.

15. To confirm Mendlesham Parish Council payments to be made, where possible online, rather than cheque in accordance with Financial Standing orders and the Mendlesham Online protocol.

16. To appoint Parish Council representatives to the following organisations:

Suffolk Association of Local Councils (previously Cllr Exley)

17. To review inventory of land and assets as at 31.3.23.

18. To review arrangements regarding insurance cover.

19. To review membership of Suffolk Association of Local Councils, Community Action Suffolk, Suffolk Wildlife Trust, Fields in Trust and Suffolk Preservation Society.

20. To review complaints procedure and procedures for handling requests made under the:

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Data Protection Act 1998.

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) 2018

21. To review Council's policy for dealing with the press/media.

22. To review the Council's employment policies and procedures

23. To review the Councils expenditure incurred under the general power of competence

21. To confirm meeting dates for remainder of 2023. Sharon Jones 12.5.23