**NOTICE OF MEETING OF**

**GREAT PAXTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**A meeting of the Parish Council will be held in the Community Room, Great Paxton Primary School, Great Paxton on Monday 28th November 2022 at 8.00pm**

## Members of the Public and Press are cordially invited to attend or to express any views/opinions by letter. If members of the public wish to speak on any Agenda Item, please let the Clerk or Chairman know at least 24 hours before the Meeting.

## All members of the Council are hereby summoned to attend to consider and resolve the business to be transacted at the meeting as set out below.

C. A. Brandon 21st November 2022

Clerk to the Parish Council ([clerk@greatpaxton-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@greatpaxton-pc.gov.uk) or [www.greatpaxton-pc.gov.uk](http://www.greatpaxton-pc.gov.uk))

**AGENDA**

**1. Apologies for Absence and Any Declarations of Interests**

1. Apologies
2. To receive declarations of interests from Councillors on items on the Agenda.
3. To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any) and to grant any requests for dispensations, as appropriate.

**2**. **Co-option of New Parish Councillors**

To consider applications received from two prospective Councillors.

Because of the retirement of former Councillor Addison, to appoint a new Parish Councillor representative to the Recreation Ground Committee.

**3.** **Comments and Observations from Members of the Public & District and County**

**Councillors**

1. County & District Councillor Reports

To include discussion on the Consultation led by the Greater Cambridge Partnership on City Access see following link –

[GCP Making Connections 2022 | Consult Cambridgeshire (engagementhq.com)](https://consultcambs.uk.engagementhq.com/making-connections-2022)

1. Public Forum (to allow members of the public to address the Council (10 Mins).

**4.** **Village Hall: Feedback from Survey**

**5. Community Shop**

Andy Wylde to report.

**6. Minutes**

To approve, as a correct record, the Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd October 2022**.**

**7.** **Planning Matters: Update (if any) on Proposed Developments**

**i Erection of dwelling with access, widening of existing access including dropped kerbs, footpath, and demolition of outbuildings, 58 High Street: 22/01426/FUL**

**ii Erection of a bungalow split into two properties, with garden space, 2 car parking spaces, bin and bike storage, Land West of The Bungalow River Lane: 22/01359/FUL**

**iii First floor extension & raising the roof, 36 Meadow Way: 22/01692/HHFUL –** Application Withdrawn on 21st October.

**8.**  **High Street: Footway Improvements - Update**

**9. New LHI Process & Application**

Bollards?? Deadline for Applications – 6th January 2023

**10. Street Lighting Energy**

ESPO (Eastern Shires Purchasing Organisation)has awarded its new Electricity Framework, running from October 2024 to September 2028, to Total Energies Gas & Power who have been successful following a UK compliant tender process. The Parish Council has used the current electricity framework since 1st October 2020. The Parish Council’s current agreement with ESPO expires on 30 September 2024. To ensure best prices, ESPO are recommending that the Parish Council should renew its contract with them as soon as possible to allow effective trading of future electricity volumes.

**Decision required** - to continue participating in the electricity contract as arranged by ESPO or terminate the Agreement and tender for electricity supply elsewhere?

**11.** **CIL Funding and Street Lighting Replacement**

To report that on 4th October 2022, the HDC Executive Leader, Executive Councillor for Planning, Corporate Director (Place) and Chief Planning Officer met to make decisions on applications seeking funding of £50,000.00 or less from the Council’s CIL fund. Unfortunately, the Parish Council’s bid for funding towards improving streetlights was unsuccessful.  It was felt that the project was not required to enable local growth.

To discuss next steps.

**12. Village Plan?**

**13. Updates**

* 1. **Speed watch**
  2. **Bridge Foot/Cycle Path:** Update
  3. **Saxon Green:** Routine Inspection plus Adult Gym check? New Gate?
  4. **Grounds Maintenance:** Contract expires 31st March 2023. New tender process to begin. Any recommendations?
  5. **Highways, footpaths, trees etc….** New trees and MVAS post update.

**14. Council Budget & Precept 2023/24**

To consider the Council budget and set the Precept for 2023/24 – copy of draft budget enclosed. **NB.** To reconsider grant application received from Cambridgeshire Search & Rescue.

**15. Finance Matters**

1. Contribution to New Christmas Lights?
2. To note the Bank Reconciliation and approve any invoices/expenses for payment (to be circulated prior to the meeting); and
3. To verify and sign the Bank Reconciliation(s) for September and October.

**16. Local Government Pay Claim 2022/23**

The Parish Council is asked to note that the National Joint Council (NJC) has agreed a pay increase for employees covered by the National Agreement for local authority employees. This includes Parish Clerks. The offer is a flat rate payment of £1,925 on each scale point with effect from 1 April 2022. In addition, from 1 April 2023, all employees covered by this National Agreement, regardless of their current leave entitlement or length of service, will receive a permanent increase of one day (pro rata for part-timers) to their annual leave entitlement.

**17. Date of Next Meeting: To note – Monday 16th January 2023 at 8pm??**

**To propose** 20th March and 15th May (Annual Parish Meeting)

All at 8pm other than Annual Parish Meeting which starts at 7.30pm.