**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 16th October 2023 at 7.30pm**

## 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 10th October 2023

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

**Councillors**

1. County & District Councillor Reports
2. Public Forum (to allow members of the public to address the Council (10 Mins).

**3.** **Community Shop**

Andy Wylde to report.

**4. Minutes**

To approve, as a correct record, the Minutes of the meeting held on 18th September 2023**.**

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

**i. 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.** ‘Pending decision’.

**ii. 77 High Street, Creation of dropped kerb & replace grass area with block paving: 23/01198/HHFUL.** ‘Pending decision’.

**6.**  **Parish Plan: TO FOLLOW**

* To approve use of the Parish Plan with immediate effect.
* To consider future distribution/publication?
* To consider how to identify Action/Subject Leads?
* To review actions & progress (including additional new item on Climate Action)

**7. Review of Grants Policy**

Deferred from the September meeting.Draft Policy enclosed for Councillors only.

**8.** **Street Lighting Replacement: Update**

To be reported at the meeting. To reconsider the request received from a collector who wishes to ‘rescue’ the discarded lamps. *(Paragraph 14.2 of the Parish Council’s Financial Regulations states ‘that no property shall be purchased or otherwise acquired, sold, leased or otherwise disposed of without the authority of the Council’.)*

**9. Training Plans for New & Existing Councillors**

Item for discussion. Induction and specialist training? Councillor Fieldhouse to introduce.

**10. Reports from Meetings**

* Engagement Session on Garden Waste Subscription Service Initiative (24th September) – Councillor Mrs Jackson (Slides & Q&As Enclosed)

**11.** **Updates**

* 1. **Speed watch**
  2. **Saxon Green:** Routine Inspection plus Adult Gym check?
  3. **Recreation Ground Management Committee**
  4. **Highways, footpaths, trees etc:** To note that arrangements have been made to meet County Highways to discuss a strategic approach to future future LHI Schemes and to ‘walkabout’ the Parish.

**12**. **Council Precept & Budget 2024/25**

To review the Council’s budget and consider the precept for 2024/25. Copy of draft budget to follow.

Letter requesting support from Magpas Air Ambulance deferred from March 2023 meeting.

To consider: Review of ‘Paxton Post’ – in full colour or retained with colour cover only.

**13. Finance Matters**

1. To note the Bank Reconciliation and approve any invoices/expenses for payment (to be circulated prior to the meeting); and
2. To verify and sign the Bank Reconciliation for September.

**14. Date of Next Meeting: To note – Monday 27th November 2023 at 7.30pm.**