**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 27th November 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 21st November 2023

Clerk to the Parish Council (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 & County and District**

 **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 16th October 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.** Approved by the District Council on 24th October.

 **iii.** **Land West of Railway Line, north of River Lane, Construction of a 20x10m barn for the storage of agricultural equipment and consumables with hard standing for turning circle and parking: 23/01555/AGDET.** Approved by the District Council on 26th October.

 **iv.** **NEW Proposed Single Storey Rear Extension& Changes to Fenestration, 89 High Street: 23/01979/HHFUL**

 **v.** **NEW 49 London Lane, Removal of Existing Conservatory. Erection of Rear Extension & Add a First-Floor annexe above the existing garage: 23/02035/FUL**

 **6. Review of Parish Plan: Regular Review of Actions (Plan Enclosed)**

* Draft Grants Strategy - enclosed
* Identify & Create Conservation/Biodiversity Area to enable application for Community Grant?

 **7.**  **New LHI Process & Application**

Deadline for Application – 5th January 2024. Proposed application for additional MVAS and 3 solar panels?? Meeting with CCC Projects Officer: awaiting date.

 **8. Review of ‘Paxton Post’**

 **9. Reports from Meetings**

* EWR Meeting Local Representatives Group (26th October): Mrs J Peters
* Climate Conversation (17th November): Councillor Mrs Jackson
* Development Management Training (6th November): Councillor Fieldhouse

 **10.**  **Updates**

* 1. **Speed watch**
	2. **Saxon Green:** Routine Inspection plus Adult Gym check?
	3. **Recreation Ground Management Committee**
	4. **Highways, footpaths, trees etc….**

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

 To consider the Council budget and set the Precept for 2024/25 - enclosed.

 **12. 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 October.

 **13. Date of Next Meeting: To note – Monday 15th January 2024 at 7.30pm??**

 **To propose:** 18th March and 20th May (Annual Parish Meeting). All at 7.30pm other than Annual Parish Meeting which starts at 7.00pm.

 **14. Exclusion of Public**

 **To resolve -** that the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted and its connection with employment issues.

 **15. Local Government Pay Claim 2023/24 & Variation of Contract**

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 2023 pro rata for the number of hours worked.