**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 15th January 2024 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 8th January 2024

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 & 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 27th November 2023**.**

**5. Notice of Vacancy**

To note the resignation of Councillor Leslie Sullivan with effect from 8th January 2024. Appropriate Notice of the Vacancy has been posted.

**6.** **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.** Refused by the District Council on 28th December.

**ii. Proposed Single Storey Rear Extension & Changes to Fenestration, 89 High Street: 23/01979/HHFUL** – Approved by the District Council on 13th December.

**iii.**  **49 London Lane, Removal of Existing Conservatory. Erection of Rear Ground Floor Extension: 23/02035/FUL (Amended)**

**7. The ‘Paxton Post’ – The Way Forward**

To invite the Editor to comment.

**8.**  **New LHI Process & Application**

Application for additional MVAS and three solar panels submitted by CCC deadline. Councillor Hall may wish to comment on the meeting held with CCC Highways?

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

* Identify & Create Conservation/Biodiversity Area to enable application for Community Grant?
* London Lane Progress?

**10. Opportunities for Funding?**

Councillor Fieldhouse to discuss.

**11.** **Renewal of Membership**

**CPRE (Campaign to Protect Rural England)**

Fee in 2024/25: £36 remains unchanged unless the Parish Council chooses to increase it to £60? With the Parish Council’s support, CPRE has campaigned successfully on the following during 2023 –

* National Planning Policy to ensure public consultation is standard practice;
* Introduction of new funding scheme to pay farmers to plant more hedgerows and manage them sustainably; and
* Recruitment of parliamentary champions to lobby the Government on rooftop solar panels, cutting carbon emissions and protecting valuable greenspace for nature and farming.

**12. Reports from Meetings/Training**

* **Planning Training (4th December) – Councillor Fieldhouse**

**13.** **Updates**

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

**14. 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 November.

**15. Date of Next Meeting: To note – Monday 18th March 2024 at 7.30pm**