**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 18th March 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 12th March 2024

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**. **Co-option of New Councillor to Vacancy on the Parish Council**

To consider an application received. (Copy circulated to Parish Councillors).

 Appointed Councillor to sign ‘Declaration of Acceptance of Office’.

 **3. 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).

 **4. Community Shop**

 Andy Wylde to report.

 **5. Minutes**

 To approve, as a correct record, the Minutes of the meeting held on 15th January 2024**.**

 **6. Grant Applications**

 To note that applications for Community Grant (Biodiversity) and 20mph zones in Great Paxton have been submitted. (Subsequently advised that the request for Biodiversity Grant has been unsuccessful).

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

 **8. Renewal of Membership: Great Ouse Valley Trust**

 Membership fee: £40. The Trust have set the following objectives for 2024 -

‘To run two Community Engagement Workshops in 2024: the first in January for the St Ives to Earith stretch of the valley, and secondly in October looking at the area between Huntington and St Neots;

To continue to review feasibility for creating additional accessibility around the area. They consider the Ouse Valley Way to be a priority asset and so will continue to liaise with all bodies to ensure its ongoing maintenance.

To continue to look at working with landowners to enhance the flood-plain meadows that are an intrinsic part of the special landscape.

To continue discussions and lobbying for designation of the Great Ouse Valley in Cambridgeshire as a National Landscape. (The new title that has replaced AONBs)

 To set up a new website and to advise stakeholders when this goes live.

 To ensure that National Highways remove all the redundant plastic tree guards 5 years after planting to stop the impact on the landscape and the problems for wildlife that ensue.

 To encourage local authorities and companies to make full use of vast car parks and industrial roofs to create solar energy instead of building star farms on precious farmland and meadows.’

 **9. Request for Grant: Great Paxton Churchyard**

Letter from Canon Annette Reed enclosed for Councillors only.

 **10. Reports from Meetings/Training**

* **New Councillor Training (27th January) – Councillor Fieldhouse**

 **11.** **Updates**

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

 **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 January & February.

 **13. Date of Next Meeting: To note – Monday 20th May 2024**

 **Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm followed by Annual Council Meeting at 7.30pm or on the rising of the former.** Subject for discussion at the Annual Parish Meeting – if any?