

MITFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Members of the Parish Council are summoned to the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council to be held at 7.35pm or on the rising of the Parish Meeting (whichever is the later) on Wednesday 17 May 2017 in the Village Hall, Mitford.

(sgnd) Stephen Rickitt.

Clerk to Mitford Parish Council

AGENDA

- 1: Election of Chairman
2. Receive Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office
- 3: Election of Vice-Chairman
- 4: Chairman's opening remarks
- 5: Public Participation

It is anticipated that any issues will be raised during the preceding Annual Parish Meeting

- 6: Apologies for absence.
- 7: Declaration of any interests, the grant of any dispensations and to extend the time for the completion of declarations of acceptance of office
- 8: Post-Election Issues

To note the need for the completion of the declarations of interests and the candidates returns of election expenses

- 9: Report from the Beat Manager

- 10: Report from the County Councillor

The elections for the County Council will take place after the dispatch of this agenda and the clerk will give verbal details of the result

- 11: Minutes of the meeting held on 22 March 2017
- 12: Any matters arising from the minutes if not already on the agenda
- 13: Planning

13.1 To consider any planning applications

13.2 Adoption of the joint response with Whalton Parish Council on application 17/00888/OUT -Land at Tranwell Airfield - Outline Planning Permission with all matters reserved for the construction of three detached dwellings, garages and associated gardens

13.3 To consider any policy issues relating to the Green Belt

14: Financial Matters, including

14.1 To note the conclusion of the internal audit for 2016/2017

14.2 To approve the annual governance statement for 2016/2017

14.3 To approve the final accounts and annual return for 2016/2017, including the explanation of variances with 2015/2016

14.4 To authorise any payments

15: The Website

16: The Village Warden

17: The Village Hall

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18: The General Power of Competence

To consider adopting the General Power of Competence (for details please see the annex)

19: Correspondence

20: Any other business

This item is only for items of information to be given to parish councillors and for items which either the Chairman or Clerk considers are genuinely urgent.

It can be used to raise issues for discussion at the next meeting. Parish council law requires there should be no substantive discussion of an item which is not on the agenda.

21: Time and date of next meetings

Wednesday 7 June 2017 at 7.30pm [This may be cancelled if there is not sufficient business]

Wednesday 5 July 2017 at 7.30pm

Annex

Item 18 - The general power of competence

Part 1 Localism Act 2011 gives local authorities a general power of competence. Section 1 Localism Act 2011 provides that "a local authority have power to do anything that individuals generally may do". Previously local authorities had to identify a specific statutory power before carrying out a function.

A local council may only use the power if they satisfy the criteria for eligibility set out in the *Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012* (SI 2012/965):

- At least two thirds of the members of the Council were elected (i.e. not co-opted)
- The clerk has a one of a list of qualifications and has had relevant training – I now have the Certificate in Local Council Administration (one of the specified qualifications)
- The Council resolved that it meets the order's conditions.

A local council must confirm eligibility at subsequent annual meetings.

Before the Council can use the power, it has to consider, inter-alia,

- no other statutory power sets out restrictions,
- the proposed use is not prohibited,
- it is not altering the Council's governance arrangements
- any charging complies with the detailed rules.

Possible uses of the power:

- creation of a flood insurance scheme
- having prayers at the start of a meeting
- paying a larger grant than be permitted under section 137 Local Government Act 1972.