

MITFORD PARISH COUNCIL

There is the digital annual meeting of the Parish Council to be held at **7.30pm** on Wednesday 19 May 2021

Parishioners are welcome to attend and should email the clerk for the log-in details mitfordpc@gmail.com

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held later in the year when it is safer to hold larger public meetings in the Village Hall

AGENDA

1: Election of the Chairman followed by the election of a Vice-Chairman

2: Public Participation

Please email the clerk with any questions no later than 5.00 pm Tuesday 18 May 2021.

3: Apologies for absence.

4: Declaration of any interests and the grant of any dispensations

5: Coronavirus

To consider current activity within the parish and any further ways in which the Council can support the community

6: Report from the Beat Manager

7: Report from the County Councillor

8: Minutes of the meeting held on 31 March 2021

To approve the draft minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting

9: Any matters arising from the minutes if not already on the agenda *including*

- *Refurbishment of Seats & Noticeboards*
- *Speed Indicator Sign on Spital Hill*

10: Planning

- *To consider any new planning applications*
- *To consider any issues arising from previous planning applications*

11: Environmental Matters

11.1 To consider any further update on measures to stop the riverbank erosion

11.2 To consider how to deter dog fouling within the parish

11.3 To consider what, if any, steps should be taken to regulate parking on the village green

12: Highways including

12.1 Equestrian safety on roads particularly in Tranwell and on the faster roads

12.2 To consider any other issues regarding roads and footpaths within the parish

13: Fibre Broadband

To receive any further information

14: The Website

15: The Village Warden

16: The Village Hall

17: Financial Matters

17.1 To authorise any payments

17.2 To review and adopt the Risk Assessment and Assets Register

18: Annual Governance and Accountability Return for 2020/2021

18.1 To consider and agree any actions arising from the report of the internal auditor (copy attached)

18.2 To approve the Annual Governance Statement (draft copy attached)

18.3 To approve the draft annual accounts for 2020/2021 (draft copy attached)

18.4 To approve the Accounting Statement and Explanation of Variances (copies attached)

18.5 To confirm and approve the Certification of Exemption (draft copy attached)

19: The General Power of Competence

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

20: Correspondence

21: Any other business

22: Time and date of next meetings

Every First Wednesday at 7.30 pm is reserved for meetings but meetings are only held if there is sufficient business. This meeting had to be held after 10 May as it is an election year. It is currently anticipated that there will be no need for a meeting on 2 June, nor one in August.

It is anticipated the next meeting will be on Wednesday 7 July 2021 followed by

- Wednesday 1 September 2021*
- Wednesday 6 October 2021*
- Wednesday 3 November 2021*
- Wednesday 1 December 2021*

Annex

Item 19 - 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.