

## **MITFORD PARISH COUNCIL**

The annual meeting of the Parish Council is to be held at **7.35pm**, or on the rising of the preceding Annual Parish Meeting (whichever is the later), on Wednesday 9 May 2022 in the Village Hall, Mitford

*Parishioners are welcome to attend*

### **AGENDA**

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

2: Public Participation

*It is anticipated that any public questions will be dealt with during the preceding Annual Parish Meeting*

3: Apologies for absence.

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

5: Coronavirus

6: Report from the Police

7: Report from the County Councillor

*This item may be taken as part of the preceding Annual Parish Meeting*

8: Minutes of the meetings held on 4 April 2022

*To approve the draft minutes of the previous Parish Council Meetings*

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

- *Refurbishment of Seats & Noticeboards*
- *First Aid Training*

10: HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

*To report on any activities planned with the parish.*

11: Planning

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

12: Environmental Matters including

- *Any further update on measures to stop the riverbank erosion*
- *Concerns over the state of the boundary at a property in Tranwell Woods*

### 13: Highways including

- *Potential Safety Improvements at Tranwell Village and Tranwell Woods*
- *Installation of gateway features in Mitford*
- *The graffiti on the A1 flyover*
- *Missing signs*
- *Survey results for Spital Hill / St Leonard's Lane*
- *Fence at Abbey Mills*
- *The verge at the post box in Tranwell Woods*

### 14: The Website

### 15: The Village Warden

### 16: The Village Hall including

- *The installation of video equipment*

### 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 2021/2022

*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 2021/2022 (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 confirm eligibility for the General Power of Competence (for details please see the annex)*

### 20: Correspondence

### 21: Any other business

*This should only be for items to be flagged for discussion at future meetings. Other issues should be raised during the appropriate item on the agenda.*

### 22: Time and date of next meetings

*Every First Monday at 7.30 pm is reserved for meetings but meetings are only held if there is sufficient business.*

- 6 June 2022 *-only if there is sufficient business to justify a meeting*
- 4 July 2022
- 1 August – *unlikely to be held*
- 5 September 2022
- 3 October 2022
- 7 November 2022
- 5 December 2022

## **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.