# **Coxheath Parish Council**



### **SUMMONS**

To all Members of the Parish Council: In accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1972, you are hereby summoned to attend the Meeting of Coxheath Parish Council on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024, at 7.15 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Small Hall, Coxheath Village Hall, Stockett Lane, Maidstone ME17 4PT.

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Clerk to the Council

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20th March 2024

## **NOTICE OF MEETING**

Public Notice of the meeting has been given in accordance with Schedule 12, Para 10(2) of the Local Government Act 1972. The Meeting is open to the press and public.

#### **AGENDA**

## 1. Apologies and absences:

- 1.1 Apologies for absence received and confirmed by the Council Members who cannot attend a meeting shall tender their apologies to the Parish Clerk prior to the meetings, under Section 75(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, the members present must decide whether the reason(s) for a member's absence shall be accepted.
- 1.2 Declaration of Changes to the Register of Interests.
- 1.3 To receive Declarations of Interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda.

  In accordance with the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 in respect of members and in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 in respect of officers.
- 1.4 Requests for Dispensations.
- 1.5 Declarations of Lobbying.
- 2. CO OPTION of Parish Councillor/s: To consider candidates for co-option.
- 3. Public comments and observations. (Maximum 15 minutes)

The meeting will be adjourned to allow members of the public to speak. Individuals may speak for up to three minutes at the discretion of the Chairman. The Minute Book will be closed.

4. Reports from external parties (if present).

Kent County Councillor, Maidstone Borough Councillors, Police, Community Warden, Community Protection Officer.

#### 5. Coxheath Parish Councillor Reports

5.1	Chairman of the Parish Council	Cllr Parker
5.2	Playground Inspection Report	Cllr Parker
5.3	Councillor's Reports	All Cllrs
5.4	Community Litter Pick	Cllr Down
5.5	Social Media	Clerk

### 6. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting:

To resolve that, the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2024 to be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

7. Clerk's Report: (not included in other agenda items)

#### 8. Finance:

- 8.1 To receive and authorise payments listed on the schedule (to be provided at the meeting)
- 8.2 Late Payment Request/s to be discussed for approval and payment.
- 8.3 Banking Arrangements Update.
- 8.4 To consider any grant or donation requests
- 8.5 To consider any late financial matters.

#### 9. Planning:

9.1 To receive the decisions and recommendations from the Planning Committee

### 10. Working Groups: To receive Updates

- 10.1 Recreation & Youth Working Group
  - 10.1.1 To receive recommendations from the Working Group.
- 10.2 Traffic & Community Safety Working Group
  - 10.2.1 KCC Highway Improvement Plan
  - 10.2.2 Parish Portal Report
  - 10.2.3 To receive recommendations from the Working Group.
- 10.3 Seasonal Events Working Group
  - 10.3.1 To receive an update on planned and future events
  - 10.3.2 To receive recommendations from the Working Group.
- 10.4 Environmental Initiatives Group
  - 10.4.1 To receive recommendations from the EIG group
- 11. MBC Elections 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024
- 12. Correspondence:
  - 12.1 To table items of late correspondence:
  - 12.2 Items circulated:
    - 12.2.1 KCC Member Annual Report
    - 12.2.2 Maidstone Borough Local Plan Review
    - 12.2.3 Notice of Election 2024
    - 12.3.4 MBC Elections Annotated nomination paper example.
    - 12.3.5 Community Groups email re Parish Newsletter

# 12. Consideration of items to be taken in private (Exclusion of Public and Press):

There are only a few reasons as to why, legally, the public and press can be excluded from a meeting. The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Sec 1 (2) states "A body may, by resolution, exclude the public from a meeting (whether during the whole or part of the proceedings) whenever publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted or for other special reasons stated in the resolution and arising from the nature of that business or of the proceedings; and where such a resolution is passed, this Act shall not require the meeting to be open to the public during proceedings to which the resolution applies." It is generally considered acceptable to exclude the press and public if the agenda item relates to the consideration of tenders, leases, purchases of assets, for matters relating to staffing covered by the Data Protection Act and to consider complaints against the council or a code of conduct complaint.

#### 12.1 Email from MBC Planning Enforcement

Meeting Dates 2024:

**FULL COUNCIL:** 30<sup>th</sup> April,

14<sup>th</sup> May Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, 25<sup>th</sup> June, 30<sup>th</sup> July, 27<sup>th</sup> August,

24<sup>th</sup> September, 29<sup>th</sup> October, 26<sup>TH</sup> November.

**PLANNING COMMITTEE:** 6.45 pm prior to the Full Council Meetings listed above. *Please note* 

Planning Committee meetings may be cancelled if not required.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** 25<sup>th</sup> April

Annual Meeting of the Parish and 60<sup>th</sup> Year of Coxheath PC to be held on the 28<sup>th</sup> May 2024