

POSTLING PARISH COUNCIL

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To members of Postling Parish Council, the press and public,

The next meeting of Postling Parish Council will be held at Postling Village Hall on Tuesday 28 November 2023 at 6.30pm

Signed: Clare Hamilton, Clerk to Postling Parish Council, 21 November 2023

Agenda

1. To record attendance and apologies for absence.
2. **To consider** acceptance of Minutes of meeting held on 26 September 2023.
3. Members' declarations of interest on Agenda items.
4. To adjourn for 15-minute Public Participation session, if required.
The Chairman reminds all present that meetings of the Parish Council are not public meetings but members of the public have a statutory right to attend meetings of the council as observers. They have no legal right to speak unless the Chairman authorises them to do so. Members of the public may not take part in the PC meeting itself unless the Chairman authorises them to do so
5. Matters arising from previous meeting not included on Agenda.
6. Planning Applications received since last meeting, circulated to Councillors for comments, outcomes of those deliberations, and to consider any applications received since this agenda was published:
 - a. **23/1566/FH Middlemarch, 6 Orchard Field, The Street, Postling CT21 4EE**
Lawful Development Certificate (Proposed) for Solar PV to the front roof elevation.
 - b. **23/0202/CM Postling Court Farm**
Potential planning breach.
The Senior Planning & Enforcement Officer has visited the property and discussed the matters of concern with the owner. They have written to the owner advising them to either cease the equine use or make a planning application for it, and will continue to monitor this.
 - c. **23/0580/FH Pent Farm, Pilgrims Way CT21 4EY**
Photovoltaic solar array, ancillary infrastructure, and landscaping.
A public meeting was held on Tuesday 30 May at 6.30pm at Postling Village Hall to hear residents' views on this application.
PPC Objection. Awaiting FHDC decision.
 - d. **19/1258/FH Postling Lodge, Farthing Common CT18 8DQ**
Retrospective planning permission for a grounds maintenance building and entrance gate accessed from Loughborough Lane at Postling Lodge
PPC Objection. Awaiting FHDC decision.
 - e. Other planning matters.
7. Highways
 - a. Pot holes on Cuckoo Lane: re-marked, waiting to hear when on works schedule
 - b. Sandling Road: Badgers have eroded the bank, Cllr Carey enquiring if badger tunnel will be built.
 - c. Parishioner email received re. The Street & Cuckoo Lane potholes
 - d. Closure of Loughborough Lane on 1st November for up to 1 day for road repairs.

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8. Finance

- a. To note Balance of account at 28 November 2023
- b. To note Payments and Receipts since last meeting:

Payments:

C Hamilton	Salary Aug Sept	395.89
C Hamilton	Travel exp July Sept meeting	14.40
HugoFox	Go Cardless - web hosting	11.99
HSBC	bank charges Sept	8.00
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HugoFox	Go Cardless - web hosting	11.99

Receipts: None

- c. **To consider** clerk's salary increase backdated to 1 April 2023, as notified by NALC (National Association of Local Councils) on 07.11.23
- d. **To consider** Expenditure due before next meeting:

C Hamilton	Salary Oct Nov	430.56
	Backpay 1 Apr-30 Sept	104.00
C Hamilton	Travel exp Nov meeting	7.20
HSBC	Bank charges Nov Dec	16.00
HugoFox	Website hosting Nov Dec	23.98 vat £4.00

- e. **To consider** the proposed Budget and Precept request for 2024/25.

9. Reports from District and County Councillors

10. Play equipment access

To consider fitting a coded combination lock to village hall gate to allow unhindered access to the play equipment at the rear of the village hall.

11. Defibrillator

To consider researching funding sources for professional defibrillator servicing costs (to check battery operation and parts) and/or annual maintenance contract.

12. Public Footpath Observer

To consider an email from the White Cliff Ramblers (who have responsibility for co-ordinating the group of volunteers who undertake the role of Parish Footpath Observers - PFOs) enquiring if any parishioners would be interested in becoming a Public Footpath Observer.

13. Otterpool Park Working Group

14. For Information

- Email received re. offer of photo of 1922 Harvest Supper in The Barn, Postling Court
- KALC Community Awards Scheme 2024
- Hospice coffee mornings
- Meeting dates 2024: 30 January, 26 March, 28 May (Annual Meetings), 30 July, 24 September, 26 November.

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