

HARPENDEN RURAL PARISH COUNCIL

HERTFORDSHIRE

To: Councillors P Crispin, C Randall, B Ring, E Moore and K Sheffield

You are hereby summoned to a meeting of Harpenden Rural Parish Council on Monday 20 January 2025 at 7.00 pm in the Janet Campbell Room at St Mary's Church, Kinsbourne Green, Herts, AL5 3QE

PLEASE NOTE THE START TIME OF 7.00 PM

Andrew Reading
Clerk to the Council

11 January 2025

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence.
2. Declarations of Interest. To note that Councillor Sheffield has stepped down as a trustee of the Friends of Kinsbourne Common.
3. Update on HCC Rights of Way Issue. Kevin Moore to report via Microsoft Teams
4. Junction of Kinsbourne Green Lane and The Common. Following a recent traffic accident at this junction, County Councillor Allison Wren will be in attendance to update on her discussions with County Highways.
5. Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 16 September 2024 - for approval (enclosed)
6. Matters Arising
7. Kinsbourne Green Common
 - (i) To note the termination, in October 2024, of two supplementary leases
 - (ii) Mature trees on the frontages of properties facing the Common - update
8. Website Review - Councillor Crispin to report
9. Parish Council newsletter, Issue three. Councillor Sheffield to report.
10. Local Plan - Update
11. To note the recent (December 2024) publication of the Government's White Paper concerning devolution and local government arrangements in England.
12. Small Parish Councils in the St Albans District - discussion suggested by Councillor Moore
13. Fly tipping - Update
14. London Luton Airport - To note that a decision on the proposed expansion of London Luton airport has been postponed until 3 April 2025 so that the newly appointed Transport Secretary has more time to consider the application.

15. Review of expenditure v budget and approval of schedule of payments (enclosed)
16. To appoint Alex Sage to undertake the audit of the 2024/25 Accounts.
17. Planning Applications and decisions to 8 January 2025 (enclosed)
18. Standing Orders Review (enclosed)
19. Meetings of St Albans and District Association of Local Councils held on 26 September 2024 and 6 January 2025. The latter was hosted by Harpenden Rural. The next meeting is scheduled for 7 April 2025 at St Stephen Parish Council.
20. Draft budget 2025/26 and approval of parish precept (enclosed) To be considered in conjunction with the updated Reserves Policy (see below)
21. Reserves Policy Review (The Policy agreed in March 2024 and now updated, is enclosed)
22. Grants Policy Review (The Policy agreed in January 2024 is enclosed)
23. Any Other Business
24. Date of Next meeting - Suggested date Monday 24 March 2025
25. Exclusion of press and public

To pass a resolution under the Public Bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960 to exclude the press and public for agenda items 26 and 27 due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.
26. Lease of triangle of common land - next steps
27. To consider a donation to The Friends of Kinsbourne Green Common