BARLING MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the next meeting of the Barling Magna Parish Council will take place on Thursday 18th February, 2016, in St Mary's Church, Little Wakering Road, Little Wakering, Essex commencing at 7.00 p.m.

This meeting will, in part, be open to the press and members of the public.

ALL MEMBERS of the COUNCIL ARE HEREBY SUMMONSED to

attend for the purpose of considering and resolving upon the business to be transacted at the meeting as set out hereunder.

Signed: Date: John Watson. Clerk to the Barling Magna Parish Council.

AGENDA

- 1. The Chairman to declare the meeting open.
- 2. To receive apologies for absence.
- 3. To receive Declarations of Interest in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct and with section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.
- 4. To sign as a correct record the Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 14th January, 2016 and the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 5th February, 2016 (*draft minutes previously circulated*).
- 5. The meeting will stand adjourned to permit Parishioners of Barling Magna to address the Council (In accordance with Standing Orders currently in place this will be limited to fifteen minutes).
- 6. To receive a report from the District and County Councillors for the area on any matters of interest.

7. Financial Matters.

a. To approve,

i. Payment requests for January/February, 2016 (schedule to be

circulated).

8. Tree in St Mary's Churchyard.

a. To consider the proposal from Councillor Street that the Parish Council make a donation of £250.00 to the Parochial Church Council towards the cost of making safe the large tree in St Mary's Churchyard and to agree the action to be taken.

9. Courses/Seminars.

- a. To agree which Councillors (if any) should attend the following courses, namely
 - i. Playground Inspection Course organised by the Essex Association of Local Councils
 - ii. Planning Training organised by Rochford District Council.
 - iii. Village Hall Seminar

10. Jubilee Bench.

a. To receive a report from Councillor Steptoe re the installation of the Jubilee Bench

11. Neighbourhood Watch

- a. To receive a report from Councillor Street regarding the promotion of a Neighbourhood Watch scheme in the general area of Little Wakering and Barling Magna and to agree the action to be taken.
- b. To receive a report from Councillor Street regarding the instigation of a Wildlife Reserve Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and to agree the action to be taken.

12. Changes in External Audit Procedures.

a. To consider the recommendation from the Finance Committee that the Parish Council do not opt out of the new scheme regarding the appointment of External Auditors and to agree the action to be taken.

13. Village Hall

- a. To receive a report from the Clerk in respect of the application to the Public Works Loan Board in respect of a loan to refurbish the Village Hall.
- b. To receive a report from Councillor Bond regarding raising funds for the Village Hall and to agree the action to be taken.
- c. To consider the recommendation from the Finance Committee that the Parish Council work with Victoria Marzouki of Rochford District Council towards obtaining grants for the refurbishment of the Village Hall and to agree the action to be taken.

14. Wildlife Reserve.

- a. To receive a report from Councillor Steptoe regarding the ongoing discussions with the "Friends of the Barling Magna Wildlife Reserve" in respect of locking and unlocking the gate to the Reserve on a rota basis and to agree the action to be taken.
- b. To receive a report from the Clerk regarding installing Brown Tourist Signs in the locality to advise visitors to the area of the location of the Wildlife Reserve and to agree the action to be taken.
- c. To receive a report from Councillor Street regarding the remedial work required at the entrance to the Wildlife Reserve and to agree the action to

be taken.

d. To consider the request from Councillor Pearmain that he be issued with a charge card from B&Q and to agree the action to be taken.

15. Bylaws in respect of the Play Area and the Wildlife Reserve.

a. To receive a report from Councillor Steptoe regarding the possible introduction of Bylaws in respect of the Play space and the Wildlife Reserve and to agree the action to be taken.

16. Maintenance of Open Spaces Grounds.

a. To receive a report from Councillor Street re preparing a specification for the maintenance of the Parish Council open spaces.

17. Bus Shelter outside the Village Hall.

- a. To receive a report from Councillor Street regarding the preparation of a specification for repairs to the roof of the bus shelter outside the Village Hall and to agree the action to be taken.
- b. To receive a report from Councillor Street regarding the preparation of tender specifications in respect of the work required at the Play space and to agree the action to be taken.

18. Waste/Dog Bins.

a. To receive a report from the Clerk regarding the cost of obtaining waste and dog bins from Rochford District Council and to agree the action to be taken.

19. Christmas 2016

- a. To receive a report from Councillor Bond regarding the erection of a Christmas Tree in the vicinity of the Village Hall during the 2016 festive season and to agree the action to be taken.
- b. To receive a report from the Clerk regarding approaching the organisers of the Church Road Frost Fayre with a view to assisting in 2016 event and to agree the action to be taken.

20. Parish Plan.

a. To receive a report from the Parish Council representatives on the Parish Plan.

21. Meetings of Outside Bodies

a. To received reports from Councillors attending meetings of outside bodies.

22. Planning Matters.

a. To consider any Planning Applications received and to agree the action to be taken.

23. Correspondence.

a. To consider any correspondence received since the last meeting.

24. At the Chairman's discretion to exchange information.

25. Exclusion of the Press and the Public.

a. Pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act

1960 it is resolved that, in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and the public be excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

26. Appointment of New Clerk.

a. To receive a report from the Working Party regarding the appointment of a new Clerk and to agree the action to be taken

27. Village Hall Manager.

a. To discuss the employment of the Village Hall Manager and to agree any action to be taken.

28. Village Hall

a. To receive a report from Councillor Cohen and to agree any action to be taken.

Date of next meeting – 10th March, 2016 – Full Council Meeting.

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