

BIDDENHAM PARISH COUNCIL



Councillors, I hereby summon you to attend the meeting of Biddenham Parish Council on Tuesday, 19th September 2023 at 7.30pm at Biddenham Pavilion (**Upstairs meeting room**) to consider the following items of business.

AGENDA

1 **Apologies for Absence**

2 **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda**

3 **To approve the minutes of the parish council meeting** held on 18th July 2023.

4 **Public Open Session**

This council is committed to community engagement and therefore warmly invites members of the public to contribute during this part of the meeting.

5 **Clerk's report on matters in progress**

- To review the action list.

6 **Borough Councillor Report**

Report circulated to councillors and placed on the parish council website.

7 **Biddenham Pavilion**

- To approve a quote for a Fire Risk Assessment for the Pavilion
- To review three quotes for minor works to repair the Pavilion roof
- To review three quotes for an upgrade to the Pavilion playground
- To agree a response to a noise complaint in relation to the Pavilion grounds
- To agree an approach for the renewal of the Cricket Club lease that expires next year

8 **Biddenham Conservation Group grant request**

- To consider a grant request from the Biddenham Conservation group for tooling
- To consider a request for funding from the Biddenham Conservation Group for a replacement shed for tooling

9 **Meeting dates/locations**

To consider a change in parish council meeting dates and location.

10 **East West Rail**

Proposal from Cllr Gee: To consider how best to engage with the East West Rail process.

11 **Freedom of the Parish policy**

Proposal from Cllr Fowler: To consider adopting a Freedom of the Parish policy for the selection and appointment of Honorary Freemen and Freewomen for Biddenham Parish. Granting the Freedom is the highest honour that Biddenham Parish Council can bestow. Although it carries no privileges, those who receive the honour are able to use the title of Freeman or Freewoman.

12 **Financial Matters**

- To approve payments, note receipts, and receive the "Spend vs Budget Analysis" and balances
- To receive the outcome of the external audit on the 2022/23 annual accounts by Mazars – no issues identified.

13 **Planning applications**

To consider the following planning applications and any received between the date of issuing the agenda and the meeting:

APPLICATION NO: 23/01572/TPO Tree Preservation Order Application
PROPOSAL: 1 Wild Pear, reduce by 50%, 2 Ash reduce by 50%, 3 Ash reduce by 50%.
LOCATION : 107 Deep Spinney Biddenham Bedford Bedfordshire MK40 4QJ

APPLICATION NO: 23/01624/FUL Full Planning Application 23/01625/LBC Listed Building Consent Application

PROPOSAL: Dismantle external brick chimney by hand and rebuild together with associated specialist repair work to timber frame and daubing, including external decoration, new foundation to support a deeper stack at ground level, replacement of CLS timber studs with reclaimed Oak studs, removal of concrete block masonry and replacement with traditionally applied wattle and daub and lime rendering
LOCATION : 35 Main Road Biddenham Bedford Bedfordshire MK40 4BD

APPLICATION NO: 23/01665/TPO Tree Preservation Order Application

PROPOSAL: TPO 1 - Walnut, reduce limb growing toward the house by 2-3m due to old fungus on main stem. TPO 2 - Oak, remove all major deadwood. TPO 3 - Sweet Olive tree, no work TPO 4 - Holly, trim to clear BT cables by 0.5m. TPO 5 - Beech, raise canopy to approx. 3m G1 - 2 Common Yew trees, trim to clear BT cables by 0.5m and trim driveway side back level with the wall.

LOCATION : The Elms 23 Church End Biddenham Bedford Bedfordshire MK40 4AR

Amendment APPLICATION NO: 23/01106/MAR Major Reserved Matters Application

PROPOSAL: All Reserved Matters except Access for residential development of 57 dwellings, pursuant to Outline permission 19/01394/MAO.

LOCATION : Land At Bromham Road Biddenham Bedfordshire

APPLICATION NO: 23/01685/FUL Full Planning Application

PROPOSAL: Formation of two stock ponds with fencing

LOCATION : Twin Lakes Fishery Great Spur Biddenham Bedfordshire

APPLICATION NO: 23/01724/S73A Retrospective planning permission Application

PROPOSAL: Erection of an outbuilding (development already carried out)

LOCATION : 34 Day's Lane Biddenham Bedford Bedfordshire MK40 4AE

14 **Business for future agendas (No actions can be taken on items not on the agenda)**

Date of next meeting: Date and location TBD.