

BIDDENHAM PARISH COUNCIL



Councillors, I hereby summon you to attend the meeting of Biddenham Parish Council on Tuesday, 12th March 2024 at 7.30pm at **St James' Barn, Church End, Biddenham, MK40 4AS** 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 13th February 2024.
- 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 to be placed on the parish council website.
- 7 **Financial Matters**
To approve payments, note receipts, and receive the "Spend vs Budget Analysis" and balances
- 8 **Pavilion & grounds**
 - a) To consider an approach for the maintenance of the memorial benches near the tennis courts.
 - b) To approve the new 7-year hiring agreement with the Cricket Club for the use of the field and facilities at the Pavilion.
 - c) Cllr Simmonds: To agree the purchase of two picnic benches for the new play area at the Pavilion.
- 9 **Highways & Open Spaces**
 - a) Proposal from Cllr Cross: To install a convex mirror near the corner of Gold Lane/Main Road for pedestrian safety.
 - b) To consider an approach to the borough council's agreement in principle to proceed with average speed cameras on Biddenham Turn, fully funded by the parish council. The first stage would be a feasibility study followed by a full design.
 - c) Proposal from Cllr Chase: To consider a response to a petition presented to the borough council for a blanket 20mph speed limit across Biddenham.
 - d) Proposal from Cllr Chase: To consider requesting an upgraded pedestrian crossing (Zebra) at the exit of the Deep Spinney roundabout onto Bromham Road. This was requested by a resident.
 - e) To consider placing one of the council's vehicle activated speed signs on St James Way in St Mary's. This would require the installation of a column/s for the sign, to enter an agreement with the developer to indemnify Vistry for any losses/damages, and to decide which speed sign to relocate.
 - f) To consider the annual grass cutting quote from Chris Horne Gardens Ltd.
 - g) Proposal from Cllr Chase: To consider submitting a comment on the borough council's proposed reduction in speed limit change (50mph to 40mph) at the Deep Spinney and St James Way roundabouts.
- 10 **Risk assessment**
Annual review of the parish council's risk assessment.
- 11 **Annual Parish meeting**
To agree an approach for hosting this year's Annual Parish meeting in April.

12 **Planning applications**

- a) To consider an update to the Planning Committees due to a change in councillors.
- b) To consider the following planning applications and any received between the date of issuing the agenda and the meeting:

APPLICATION NO: 24/00049/FUL Full Planning Application

PROPOSAL: Single storey rear and side extensions, two storey side/first floor extension above garage and single storey front extension.

LOCATION : 43 Day's Lane Biddenham Bedford Bedfordshire MK40 4AE

APPLICATION NO: 24/00384/FUL Full Planning Application

PROPOSAL: Proposed entrance gate with brick piers.

LOCATION : The Firs 21 Church End Biddenham Bedford Bedfordshire MK40 4AR

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

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 2nd April 2024 at St James' Barn