

SOUTH LEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

Members of the Parish Council are summoned to attend a meeting in the Village Hall on Tuesday, 18th February, 2020 at 7.30pm. Members of the public will be most welcome to attend. Please would any member of the public that wants to speak contact the Clerk (details are on the website).

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Declarations of Interest
3. To approve the Minutes for the previous meeting as being a true record of proceedings.
4. Opportunity for any parishioner to raise a matter of concern
5. Opportunity for any County Councillor and/or District Councillors to update the Parish Council on any matter of relevance or concern
6. Matters arising from the Minutes if not covered elsewhere in this Agenda
7. Constitutional

The Chair is acting as a temporary Clerk with Jackie Johnson taking minutes until a new Clerk is found.

The AGM is set for 12 May but the running order will be firstly the Annual Parish Council Meeting (which will approve the reports to be discussed later) followed by the Annual Parish meeting (where these reports will be produced and members of the public may raise questions on them) then followed by an ordinary PC meeting where the usual agenda and rules will apply

The Parish Council elections are in May – which means the PC will be in purdah in April. The cost of the election will be £800 and WODC will invoice in 2021.

Confirmation that the Forest Restoration Group is a sub committee of the PC

8. Financial Report
9. Payments to approve / make – reimbursement of Graham Soame for paint purchased for Bus Shelter
10. Facilities –updates (items in bold are the only ones to be reported on at this meeting – unless raised elsewhere)
 - a) Village Hall.
 - b) Village Green – placing of permanent Christmas Tree? To note public liability insurance issue -- land in front of the Old Vicarage and down side roads is Highways not Village Green (see plan already circulated)**
 - c) Playground - Cottsway draft lease still awaited
 - d) Football Pitch—Estate draft lease still awaited
 - e) Telephone Box --update**
 - f) Bus Shelter -- update**

11. Planning Matters

- a) Any relevant Planning applications for consideration and comment (dates in brackets are the PC not necessarily the public consultation deadline dates) .

Aurora Solar Farm – WODC planning meeting on 10th February result after recommendation of the planners as follows:

In conclusion, the proposed development would make a significant contribution to meeting targets for renewable energy and would contribute to the reduction of greenhouse gases. There are considered to be no available or suitable brownfield sites nor areas of lower quality agricultural land suitable for the solar farm development. Nevertheless, it is recognised that the proposal, which includes locating panels on higher ground would have a harmful impact on the landscape including views from local public rights of way and more distant public vantage points. Discussions including the possibility of relocating some of the panels to lower lying land and enhanced mitigation measures are on-going. Additional information is also required in respect of ecology issues and the possibility of including a wildlife pond as part of the mitigation measures.

High Cogges anaerobic digester – update Minerals and Waste draft consultation paper and presentation from the OCC officers

- b) Conservation Area update
c) East Witney Consultation and Shores Green junction

12. Footpaths –

13. Roads and Traffic

- Flooding
- Pothole repairs and damaged verges
- **Tree planting report**
- **Verge litter collection - report by Martin Spurrier**
- **Speeding – update from Lysette Nichols**
- **Lorries through village**
- **Improvements to A40 – Graham Soames**

14. AOB

15. Date for next meeting:

31st March Parish Council Meeting

12th May – Annual Parish Council Meeting

Annual Parish Meeting

Parish Council Meeting