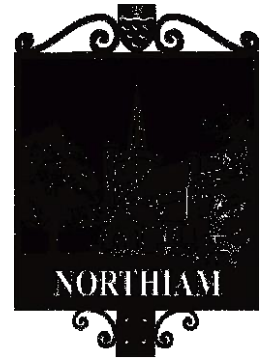


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AGENDA

To all members of the Council, you are summoned to attend the
Meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 10th October 2024 at 19.00.

This meeting will be held at Northiam Village Hall, Main Street, Northiam

Members: Cllr Biggs, Cllr Fairbrass, Cllr Fenton, Cllr Harding, Cllr Lockett, Cllr Russell, Cllr Sargent, Cllr Schlesinger, Cllr Wadie

SIGNED: Mary Philo, Clerk

Date: 5th October 2024

M. Philo

Governance

1. To receive and accept Apologies for Absence
2. To receive Declarations of Interest

To receive any declaration by members of personal interests in matters on the agenda, the nature of the interest and whether the member regards the interest as personal, pecuniary or prejudicial under the Code of Members Conduct.

3. To agree the minutes of [25th September 2024](#)

To Adjourn the meeting to enable members of the public and councillors to address the meeting.

This is a concessionary session and will be limited to 15 minutes. Three minutes per person will be allowed initially and only if time permits will further comments be heard. This is a 'for information' session only and no action can be taken upon those items raised.

[Report from County Councillor Redstone](#)

[Reports from District Councillors Biggs and Ganly](#)

The meeting to reconvene.

Planning

4. Planning
 - a. Applications to consider:
RR/2024/1422/P White Hill Rocks: Demolition of existing dwelling erection of new dwelling and detached garage. Alterations to existing land levels and landscaping.

Finances

5. Finances to note and Payments to authorise
 - a. [September Payments and Receipts](#)
 - b. [30th September Bank Reconciliation](#)
 - c. [Items for payment](#)
 - d. Financial Report – [second quarter report](#), [budget monitoring](#), [funds available as of 30 September](#)
 - e. Budget
Initial thoughts on budgeting, reviewing the council use of its assets and services provided e.g. Chapel and Parish Office

Parish Matters

6. RBL Poppy Appeal

To agree to make a donation of £50 for a Remembrance Day wreath.

7. Playground Working Group Report

8. Playing Field and Pavilion Working Group

No report as awaiting meeting with RDC

9. Local Nature Recovery Working Group

- a. Report
- b. Harlot's Wood

To consider a response to the resident, regarding the creation of paths though the wood and to decide what measures to take regarding the littering of the woodland adjacent to the scout hut.

10. Cemetery and Cemetery Extension Working Group

- a. A report on the cemetery extension will be made at the next meeting.
- b. Ewhurst Cemetery Footpath

To agree to write to the contractor.

11. Christmas Trees

- a. Christmas Tree Festival 29th November to 1st December
To consider participating.

b. Christmas Trees for the village

To agree to order a 16ft for the village green and 8ft one for the church which St Mary refunds.

Delivery included. Contractor B will trim the butt of the larger tree.

Supplier A £350 plus vat

Supplier B Norway Spruce £206.50 of Nordman Fir £259 plus vat

12. St Francis Field Working Party Group

a. Community Garden Polytunnel

The National Garden Scheme grant secured for the creation of the Community Produce Garden, includes funds for a polytunnel. The provision of a 3 X 8 metres in field 9 to the rear and furthest away from Main Street, would allow growing produce all year round. Not only would this benefit residents with vegetables harvested across winter, but it will help the volunteering group who enjoy their time together. It also means activities do not stop for the winter months and there is continued interest when the season starts again in the spring. Continuity is important.

To agree to write to the RDC Planning Officer requesting confirmation that the erection of the polytunnel falls within Permitted Development Rights.

b. Batcheller Monkhouse Report

[Report](#)

To note the report from Batcheller Monkhouse dated 25 September 2024 and agree to approve payment of that firm's fees for the agreed sum of £1,500 plus £125.40 disbursements plus VAT, totalling £1,950.48.

c. Stables

[Report Future of the Stables](#)

To agree to instruct St Francis Fields CIC to proceed as soon as possible with the application for change of use of the stables in accordance with the recommendation from Batchellor Monkhouse (to Commercial Livery) and agree a budget for possible costs in making the application totalling £1,000

d. Newt Ponds

[Background Information](#)

To note the proposal from the Newt Conservation Partnership to establish two newt ponds in Field 14 of the SFF estate and to agree to enter into the proposed contract.

e. High Weald Nature & Community Fund

[Background Information](#)

To agree to accept the grant of £5,439 offered by the High Weald Nature & Community Fund for tools & equipment to support nature recovery across the SFF estate.

13. School Crossing Patrol

Moloney have confirmed that should a suitable candidate be found, it will again contribute a percentage of their commission relating to sales in Northiam Parish, highlighting that it is not a fixed or guaranteed amount. To agree that the council signs the terms and conditions of East Sussex County Council for

sponsoring a School Crossing Patrol. The parish council is able to cease the sponsorship at anytime but will be liable for any costs relating to the termination of employment.

14. Information for/from Councillors

Councillors have been supplied with the map and cutting schedule to consider.

15. Items for the Next Agenda

16. Date of Next Meeting

14th November 2024 7.00pm