



**Parish of Castle Hedingham**

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**NOTICE OF MEETING**

**Dear Councillor:** You are summoned to attend a meeting of Castle Hedingham Parish Council on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 7.30pm at Castle Hedingham Club, Church Lane** for the purpose of transacting the business set out on the attached agenda.

Signed: *Claire Waters*

*Clerk to the Council*

Date: 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023

***THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND***

**AGENDA**

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of 13th February 2023.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, Other Pecuniary Interests or Non-Pecuniary Interests relating to items on the agenda

**4. PUBLIC FORUM**

15 minutes of public participation. 3 minutes for each contribution.

**5. PROGRESS CHECK:**

Village maintenance issues and update on actions from last meeting

**5.1. Parish Council noticeboard:** Decision on suggested relocation to St James Street village centre.

**6. HIGHWAYS & PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY**

Update on Highways & Footpath issues and any new problems to report.

**6.1. St James St verge:** Following vehicle damage during utilities works, a request to Anglian Water to repair has been refused. M D Landscapes will be asked to level and re-seed at an estimated cost of £100.00

**7. REPORTS**

**7.1.** Police/PCSO/Neighbourhood Watch.

**7.2.** Essex CC report

**7.3.** Braintree DC reports

**8. PLANNING**

*Applications received:*

**CTIL10877723 – Clarke Telecom Ltd Proposed Upgrade to Existing Radio Base Station Installation**

Kirby Hall, North of Castle Hedingham, CO9 3EB | NGR 577658E 237149N

Upgrade to existing installation to provide enhanced coverage and capacity, and new 5G coverage giving access to the latest technologies.

*Information only, comment deadline 13<sup>th</sup> March*

*Applications determined*

**None**

**9. FINANCE**

**9.1.** The monthly payments to be approved for authorisation by two Councillors

**9.2.** To confirm acceptance of a quote of £220.00 to repair a small section of wall at the Village Hall

- 9.3. To note with thanks the Essex Community Foundation Uplift Grant of £500.00, which is unrestricted
- 9.4. To note with thanks a £150 donation from Castle Hedingham Club for Community Allotment fruit trees
- 9.5. To note confirmation of £5,691.96 BDC Street Cleaning grant for 2023-24, with the proposed 33% reduction delayed until the 2024-2025 BDC Budget.
- 9.6. To approve rotavating and seeding of the cleared area of the Cemetery, at an estimated cost of £450

## 10. COMMUNITY ALLOTMENT

- 10.1. To approve an application submitted for UK Shared Prosperity Fund Community Garden grant through Braintree District Council. This would fund sheds, rainwater harvesting, tools and seating etc. if successful. The grant application deadline was 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023 and applications were invited on 23<sup>rd</sup> February.
- 10.2. To note landlord approval of grant application for Community Allotment and confirmation of Public Liability insurance cover under the existing Parish Council policy.

## 11. REWILDING NEW PARK

- 11.1. To note rewilding advice from Essex Wildlife Trust, and report following on site meeting
- 11.2. To approve a letter to New Park residents outlining the rewilding plans
- 11.3. To approve actions and spending on signage and painting of Pump House woodwork for display

## 12. ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING POINT

To review the options for a charging point at the Memorial Hall car park, and any actions needed.

## 13. CORONATION EVENTS MAY 2023

Update on Coronation weekend events and consideration of any Parish Council support needed

## 14. CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE

**Colne Valley Railway Preservation Ltd.** (a registered charity) invites Councillors to an open consultation to discuss the future of the land between the existing Colne Valley Railway and the River Colne between Castle Hedingham and Great Yeldham. The sessions will be held on:

- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March, 14:00 to 16:00
- Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March, 10:00 to 12:00 and 14:00 to 16:00

They will be at the Reception / Entrance building to the Colne Valley Railway, Yeldham Road, Castle Hedingham, CO9 3DZ and will include displays of the ideas, discussions with the team and a tour of the land.

**The Fields Association:** request for support in challenging proposals for an Asylum seeker centre on the Wethersfield Airbase. Preparations appear to be underway, and in addition to the many reasons that the mega prisons are considered unsuitable (traffic, pollution, heritage, environment) there is concern about the added complications of siting vulnerable people in such a remote location without adequate local facilities.

## 15. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

## 16. NEXT MEETINGS:

<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Ordinary Parish Council</b>	<b>Castle Hedingham Club</b>
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2023</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY</b>	<b>Castle Hedingham Village Hall</b>
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023</b>		<b>DISTRICT AND PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS</b>	
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Annual Parish Council</b>	<b>Castle Hedingham Club</b>

**Councillors:** Cllr Penny Doe                      Cllr Will Dover                      Cllr Phil Gransden  
                     Cllr Charlie Jordan                      Cllr Andy Smith                      Cllr Garry Southgate  
                     Cllr Jill Toocaram                      Cllr Mary Veater                      Cllr Jessica Westrop

Copy to: **County Councillor:** Cllr Peter Schwier  
**District Councillors:** Cllr J Beavis                      Cllr H Johnson  
**Essex Police**                      PC James Draper  
**Neighbourhood Watch**                      VACANT