



PUCKLECHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

To all members of the Council

You are hereby summoned to attend the annual meeting of Pucklechurch Parish Council to be held on Wednesday 5th October at 7.30 pm at **The Bungalow HMP Ashfield**. The meeting has been called for the purpose of transacting business as per the details on the agenda below.

Notice to members of the Public

This meeting is a meeting in public not a public meeting. Members of the public are invited to join the meeting and to ask questions and raise issues with the councillors. This session will last no more than 15 minutes.

Members and Parishioners are reminded that the Council has a general duty to consider the following matters in the exercise of any of its functions: Equal Opportunities (race, age, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability and religious beliefs), Crime & Disorder, Health & Safety and Human Rights.

Signed:

Daphne Dunning
Clerk and RFO Pucklechurch Parish Council

Thursday 29th September 2022

Public Participation

AGENDA

1. Apologies.

To note apologies for absence.

2. Declarations of Interest (if any) and dispensations.

In accordance with the Local Code of Conduct to receive any declarations of disclosable pecuniary or non-disclosable pecuniary interests and to consider and grant any dispensation requests.

3. Minutes.

To confirm the minutes of 17th August 2022 for accuracy (draft previously circulated to Councillors; copies available on application to the Clerk).

4. To receive Report from District Councillor(s).

5. AGENDA ITEMS TO ACTION

5a. To consider and approve Usage Policy application form and agree schedule of hire costs.

5b. To consider South Gloucestershire Council's consultation on recommissioning of the Better Care Stronger Communities offer, working towards implementing new contracts from 1 April 2023 and agree any actions.

5c. To consider West of England Combined Authority's Placemaking Charter and agree any actions.



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5d. To consider option to opt out of the SAAA central external auditor appointment arrangements and agree any actions.

NALC/SLCC recommendations is not to opt out as any opt out is likely to incur significantly higher costs.

5e. To receive request from NALC and SLCC to consider and agree:

- a resolution to sign up to the civility and respect pledge,
- to publicise a bullying and harassment statement,
- to adopt a dignity at work policy,
- to write to Luke Hall MP for support in addressing bullying and harassment in the town and parish sector.

5f. To consider issues related to the changes to bus services in the parish and agree a response to the WECA bus survey.

5g. Grants process for 2022/23.

5gi To review grant paperwork and agree dates for grant applications for 2022/23.

5gii To agree process for provisional grants held over from 2021/22.

5h. To receive tree surveys reports and agree any actions.

5i. To consider co-options to parish council.

6 AGENDA ITEMS TO NOTE

6a To note update on Eagle Crescent play area.

6b To note submitted response to Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) - Biodiversity and Planning: guidance for new developments.

See appendix 1

7 PLANNING.

7a. Planning applications.

To note all applications are for tree works and have been deferred to the tree officer

7ai P22/04917/TCA 10 Abson Road Pucklechurch South Gloucestershire BS16 9RH.

Works to crown reduce 1 no. Cherry by 3m, crown thin by 30% and side prune by 1-2 m 1 no. Willow, crown reduce by 2-3 m 1 no. Hawthorn & Field maple, crown reduce by 2-3 m 1 no. Copper Beech, 1 no. Willow, 2no. cherry, 2 no. Sycamore and 1 no. Silver Birch tree by 102m all situated within the Pucklechurch Conservation Area.

7aii P22/05232/TCA 17 Westerleigh Road Pucklechurch South Gloucestershire BS16 9RB.

Works to crown reduce 1 no. Robinia tree to leave a finished height of 9 metres, radial spread of 6 metres and crown thin by 25%. Tree situated in the Pucklechurch Conservation Area.



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7aiii P22/05431/TCA Flat 1 The Poplars 20 Shortwood Road Pucklechurch South Gloucestershire.

Works to crown reduce 2no Yew Trees to form a single crown with a finished height of 8m and a radial spread of 7m. Situated in the Pucklechurch Conservation Area.

7aiv P22/05271/TCA Harwood Farm Castle Road Pucklechurch South Gloucestershire BS16 9RF.

Works to 1 no. Beech tree to reduce crown by 1.5m in height and spread and thin out crown by 15% situated within the Pucklechurch Conservation Area.

7av P22/05251/TCA W Fig Tree Cottage 33 Westerleigh Road Pucklechurch South Gloucestershire BS16 9RD.

Works to crown reduce 1 no. Fig tree 15% reduction to leave a height of approx 3 meters and radial spread of 3.5 meters, Pollard by 30% 1 no, Blackthorn tree and 1 no Apple tree, Crown reduce by 1-2 metres 2 no. Blackthorn, crown reduce 1 no. Horse chestnut by 1-1.5 metres and reduce sides to 1 no. Conifer to bring sides into boundary 0.5 metres all within Pucklechurch Conservation Area.

7b. Planning decisions to note.

7bi P22/01548/F Land To The Rear Of Fleur De Lys Shortwood Road Pucklechurch South Gloucestershire BS16 9RA

Erection of 1 no. detached dwelling and associated works. **Refusal.**

7bii P22/03752/HH Green Tree Farm Lyde Green Emersons Green South Gloucestershire BS16 7NT

Erection of first floor side extension to form annexe ancillary to main dwelling house. **Approved with conditions.**

7biii P22/03296/HH 37 Homefield Road Pucklechurch South Gloucestershire BS16 9QA

Erection of outbuilding to form annexe ancillary to the main dwellinghouse. **Approved with conditions.**

7biv P22/02733/HH and P22/02734/LB Flat 2 Beech House Westerleigh Road Pucklechurch South Gloucestershire

Works to incorporate existing covered area into flat to form additional living accommodation. **Approved with conditions.**

7c. Planning enforcement and any other actions.

7ci To note request to call in P22/03722/F Land At 1 Oaktree Avenue Pucklechurch South Gloucestershire BS16 9RP.

8. REPORTS.

8a. To receive pre-submitted reports from Councillors.

8b. To receive report from the Clerk.



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9 FINANCE.

9a. To agree payment of contractual or other obligations and receive monthly reconciliations.

Pursuant to 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meeting Act 1960, resolve that, because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the Public and Press leave the meeting.

10. To consider staffing costing for additional administrative support for Neighbourhood planning and projects and agree any actions.

Date of next meeting 16th November 2022.



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Appendix 1

Pucklechurch parish council comments on Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) - Biodiversity and Planning: guidance for new developments

The ambition for this document is applaudable – to leave the environment in a better state than present. It has to be said that the document is very long, turgid and verbose. It is written in such a manner as to be a developers guide to the rules rather than a residents guide to protecting biodiversity. It replaces the South Gloucestershire Council's (SGC) design guide (who knew?) but fails to show joined up thinking (eg there is a section guidance for farm building conversion to other uses which does not seem to take SPD into consideration).

The maps provided are woefully inadequate and seem to underline that SGC do not know what they actually have in the first place. An example being the wildflower/hay meadows around the village which are not featured. It then degenerates into a how to guide for developers and is over-reliant on biodiversity mitigation hierarchy – the bedrock of 'net gain' - an as yet unproven and much criticised (eg by CPRE) strategy.

The guidance is not ambitious enough and is a missed opportunity to actually put biodiversity at the forefront of decision making rather than merely a project (to prove a net gain) within a development. The biggest question here is how precisely "off site compensation" can be a net gain? A further issue which is given scant coverage is adequate enforcement. Putting habitat boxes and similar measures after taking out a hedgerow is not net gain or compensation – think Coxgrove Hill and the cycleway.

An aside: BRERC is used to inform impact assessments so we should encourage parishioners to inform them of any sensitive or wildlife centric sites.