



## Westmeston Parish Council

**COUNCILLORS ARE SUMMONED TO ATTEND A MEETING OF COUNCIL  
TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2021 AT 6.30pm AT WESTMESTON PARISH HALL**

*P. Vidler*

Paul Vidler  
Clerk to the Council

28<sup>th</sup> September 2021

**Members of the public have a right and are welcome to attend.**

**Please do not attend the meeting if you are experiencing a high temperature, continuous cough, loss or change of smell or taste, headache, sore throat or runny nose. If you require paper copies of the meeting documents, please print them off and bring them to the meeting, as we are unable to provide these.**

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### AGENDA

- 1. Apologies for absence:** To receive and accept any apologies for absence.
- 2. Declarations of interest:** To note any declarations of interest.
- 3. Public questions:** To receive questions from members of the public.
- 4. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021:** To approve the minutes to be signed by the Chairman.
- 5. Financial matters:**

(a) To approve payment of invoices:

Payee	Reason	Amount
Cathy Mills	Email storage	£24.00
Cathy Mills	Church Corner maintenance July, August and September 2021	£105.00
Paul Vidler	Clerk's pay March to September 2021	£1,819.81
HMRC	PAYE	£454.95
Paul Vidler	Clerk's expenses March to September 2021	£62.22
Cathy Mills	ICO subscription	£35.00
East Sussex ALC Limited	Clerk's training	£54.00
Mulberry & Co	Clerk's training	£37.50

(b) To note payments made since the last meeting:

Payee	Reason	Amount
Cathy Mills	Litter picking traffic signs	£345.60
Mr P Anderson	Spatham Lane finger post	£500.00

(c) To agree regular payments by standing order for the Clerk's pay and PAYE & NI for the remainder of the current financial year.

(d) To note the Quarter 1 Budget Report and Bank Reconciliation.

**6. Planning:**

(a) **Development opposite Westmeston Place, east of Lewes Road:** To receive updates from Lewes District Council.

(b) **To agree a response to the following applications for planning permission:**

**SDNP/21/04476/HOUS Underhill, Underhill Lane**  
Extension to existing open sided porch on east elevation.

**LW/21/0693 Bunkershill Farm, Streat Lane**  
Conversion of barn to create home office and studio.

**LW/21/0699 Bunkershill Farm, Streat Lane**  
Rear ground floor extension and removal of existing first floor dormers and replace with hip end.

(c) **To note comments made on the following applications:**

**LW/21/0359 Spring Farm, Hundred Acre Lane**  
Creation of agricultural storage barn for fodder and machinery.  
WPC comment: No comment.  
Application approved 18<sup>th</sup> August 2021

**TW/21/0054/TCA St Martin's Church, Lewes Road**  
Pollard an old lime tree.  
WPC comment: No comment.

**LW/21/0612 West Barn, Blackbrook Farm, Spatham Lane**  
Change of use from holiday let (C1) to residential dwellinghouse (C3)  
WPC comment: No comment.

**SDNP/21/03870/FUL Marigold Cottage, Spatham Lane**  
Retrospective planning application for temporary accommodation for a rural agricultural worker at Muller Bros Nursery.  
WPC comment: Objects to this application on the following grounds.

There is deep local concern about the use of the 'caravan' dating back years.

The local belief is that the business has been "non-functional" for a number of years. There is no evidence in the application that the business is operating and has any right to accommodation for a rural agricultural worker.

The application is very poor and lacks a clear argument and evidence. WPC wishes to have the opportunity to comment further on the application prior to its determination should additional supporting information be submitted.

In view of the local concern and the quality of the application, WPC objects to the application and asks the planning officer responsible to investigate it thoroughly.

**SDNP/21/04211/FUL & SDNP/21/04213/LIS Spatham Farm Cottage, Spatham Lane**  
Change of use of land to residential and creation of swimming pool with stone terrace, landscaping and planting.

WPC comment: No comment regarding the principles or design of this application. But in the light of the site access being to and from a fast, and increasingly busy lane, the Council considers that this aspect of the Site and Traffic Management Plan be given particular attention.

For example, if space on the site permits a proper turning circle must be created and signed. In the absence of a proper turning circle, any reversing into and from the lane should only be permitted with the use of a banksman.

Likewise, appropriate attention should be given to the routing of all traffic accessing the site.

**(d) Inter Parish Working Group on Housing/Eton College Site/Lewes District Council Local Plan:** To receive updates.

- 7. Lewes DC consultation on Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2022/23:** To ratify no objection following consideration at the previous meeting.
- 8. Spatham Lane speed limit:** To receive updates.
- 9. Ditchling 29 Droveaway Project:** To consider the request from Harold Rowling.
- 10. Monday Group Stiles on Sussex Border Path:** To consider the request from Harold Rowling.
- 11. Notice Board replacement – Church Corner:** To consider a replacement notice board.
- 12. Telephone box refurbishment:** To receive updates.
- 13. Any other information for noting:** None.
- 14. Date of next meeting:** 9<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 6.30pm.