



# North Weald Bassett

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## ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

TO: MEMBERS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

### PLEASE NOTE TIME OF THIS MEETING

*This Meeting is open to any other North Weald Bassett Parish Councillor who wishes to attend*

You are hereby summonsed to attend a meeting of the **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE** which will be held on **Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> October 2017** at **The Library, High Road, North Weald** at **10.30 am** to transact the business shown in the Agenda below.

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## AGENDA

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** 

To **RECEIVE** any apologies for absence.

**2. OTHER ABSENCES**

To **NOTE** any absences for which no apology has been received.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** 

To **RECEIVE** any Declarations of Interest by Members

*A Member with a personal interest in a matter must consider whether it is a Disclosable Pecuniary, Non Pecuniary or Other Pecuniary Interest, and declare it accordingly. A Member who is unsure as to how to declare their interest should seek independent advice.*

**4.  CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES** 

To **CONFIRM** the minutes of the meeting held on 14 June 2017, attached at **Appendix 1**.

**5. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

To **RECEIVE** any questions made by members of the public.

*In accordance with an agreed procedure, the time allocated for public questions shall be limited to 15 minutes, or such other period determined by the Chairman of the meeting.*

**6. PLAY AREAS**

A verbal report will be given at the meeting.

**7. WEALD COMMON PLAY AREA - BENCH** 

The Clerk has been contacted by Epping Ongar Railway who have advised that the bench which was kindly donated by them and subsequently vandalised earlier in the year, has now been repaired and is ready for collection. In the time elapsed since the bench was removed, safety surfacing has been laid in the play area, including the location where the bench was originally sited. Therefore, Members are asked to **CONSIDER** the best place for fixing the bench, bearing in mind that it may need to be located outside of the play area boundary fence.

**8. ASSET CHECKS**

A verbal report will be given at the meeting.

**9. CEMETERY** 

**a) Increase in Grave Digging Charges**

Members are asked to **NOTE** that the Parish Council's Grave Digger had advised the Clerk that the costs charged for digging a new grave or re-opening an existing plot are now the same. Following agreement from the Chairman of the Parish Council, the Cemetery Fee sheet has been altered accordingly.

**b) Enquiry – Lawn Cemetery**

The Clerk has received an enquiry from an owner of a plot in the Lawn Cemetery, who is seeking permission to place a 9 inch high fence around the plot. Members are asked to **CONSIDER** this request, bearing in mind that other Lawn Cemetery owners have erected fencing without seeking prior permission.

**10. ALLOTMENTS**

**a) Community Orchard – North Weald Allotments**

On 29<sup>th</sup> September, the Parish Office submitted the formal Grant request for a Community Orchard at the North Weald Allotments. The grant request is for a total of £1,350, with the Parish Council putting £300 towards the project. Should there be any further update, this will be given at the meeting.

**b) North Weald Allotments**

Using its 2017/2018 budget, a STIHL FS55 strimmer has been purchased for the North Weald Allotments. This strimmer has been passed to the Allotment Warden, along with a copy of the instruction manual. Allotment Tenants are able to use this mower however, they will need to have read the instruction manual and signed a disclaimer, copies of which are held at the Parish Council offices. It should also be noted that the North Weald allotment Lawnmower was serviced in September.

**c) Allotment Sub Committee**

A verbal report to be given by Members of the Allotment Sub Committee.

**10. TREE WORKS**

Members are advised that the tree works that were identified as High Priority in the Tree Survey conducted by Hallwood Associates in April of this year, have now been completed.

**11. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS, VILLAGE GREEN, NORTH WEALD**

Members are asked to **CONSIDER** what arrangements, if any, they would like to make for this year.

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