

# South Mimms & Ridge Parish Council



**To: All Members of South Mimms & Ridge Parish Council**

Notice is hereby given that the **Annual Meeting** of South Mimms & Ridge Parish Council will be held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00 pm at the South Mimms Village Hall, for the purpose of transacting the business set out in the agenda below and you are hereby summoned to attend. **This will be followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish**

**Members of the press and public** are invited to attend, and the meeting will also be on Zoom.

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## AGENDA

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### **Part 1 – 7.00 pm**

*The order of business required at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council .*

1. To elect a Chairman and Deputy of the Council for the ensuing Council year.
2. To fill any vacancies – No resignations have been received.
3. To consider and agree the payment of any subscriptions falling to be paid annually:
  - Membership subscription - Hertfordshire Association of Parish and Town Councils £433.80
  - Public Liability insurance premium - £304
  - Registration fee - Office of the Information Commissioner (GDPR) £35
  - Website hosting £350 and Zoom Professional £156
  - Village Halls BT Internet £1008
  - Litter Picking £1,200
4. To inspect any deeds and trust investments in the custody of the Council as required (**none**)
5. To Note : Each year the smaller authorities Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) needs to be reviewed by an appointed External Auditor. For Hertsmere this is PFK Littlejohn LLP. An Internal Auditor for South Mimms will also be appointed to sign off our submission.

All residents have the right to question the Internal Auditor and this can be arranged by emailing the clerk. Audited Accounts and signed AGAR forms are uploaded to the Parish Councils website every year once accepted by the External Auditor and are always thus available for the public. Written copies are also available at any time by request to the Clerk.

The AGAR forms are presented to the Council for approval and signing by the Chairman.

### **Part 2**

*The order of business now follows that for an ordinary meeting of the Parish Council*

6. To approve the minutes of the April 2024 meeting
7. To consider the Parish Council's formal response to The Hertsmere Local Plan (2024)

8. To note that Hertsmere have notified the Parish Council that we will be receiving approximately £22,500 of CIL money that can only be used for infrastructure projects. This comes from historic Ridge funds that Hertsmere were holding onto. The Clerk has proposed that some of the funds be spent on reopening the second park area in Ridge for dog friendly public use. However, there are other projects within the Parish that require funding, like the South Mimms Village Hall windows so we incite all and any alternative or additional suggestions.
9. To note that The Planning Enquiry for the site next to Romani House will continue on 29th & 30<sup>th</sup> July.
10. To note the following planning applications and receive any public representations.
  - a) 9 - 11 Blanche Lane. Demolition of existing 2 x garages and works to both properties to include construction of single storey front extensions, 2 x front dormers each, part single part two storey side and rear extensions, conversion of lofts to habitable space to include rear roof alterations with 9 roof lights. 24/O513/FUL
  - b) Tyttenhanger House Coursers Road Colney Heath – Listed Building consent for internal works, 24/O586/LBC
  - c) 15 Blanche Lane Erection of outbuilding in rear garden, 24/O570/CLP
  - d) Deeves Hall Barn Earls Lane – Replacement of existing roof covering with profiled metal cladding. 24/O463/CLP
11. To note: the next meeting will be Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June at Ridge Village Hall at which Griggs Ltd will be presenting their plans for the redevelopment of The White Hart and this application will be discussed in full then.
12. To hear any questions or notices from the public

### **Part 3 – Annual Meeting of the Parish**

#### Chairpersons statement on the activities of South Mimms & Ridge Parish Council in the Council Year

SMPC has again been proactive in engaging with the Police, Borough Council, Hertfordshire County Council and Hertfordshire Highways on a host of issues to improve our pavements and roads, parks and open spaces.

We have worked hard to stop nuisance behaviour, bad parking and continue to fight against the pollution and disruption from the Aggregates Site next to Romani House. Cllr Becker, the Clerk and I attended the latest sessions of the Public Enquiry which as you heard a moment ago will reconvene at the end of July.

We were very pleased to see how many of you attended the information sessions regarding the Hertsmere Local Plan and we would like to remind you that you still have time to comment on this.

The Parish Council is now working with the management of Welcome Break to address local issues, including the proposed redevelopment of Charleston Paddocks and Welcome Break also kind sponsored the village Christmas Afternoon Tea.

Much work has gone into cracking down on Fly Tipping with new signage and a mobile camera. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who helped in our Village Clear Up event, particularly Dave Cockburn who collected a lot of the fly-tipping with his trailer and took what we couldn't fit in the skip down to the Cranborne Recycling Centre.

Our Book Swap Coffee afternoons on the third Friday of the month continue to be well attended and it has been a pleasure to invite the students of St Giles School each term.

Finally, my fellow Councillors and I would like to thank all of you who regularly attend and contribute to our meetings.