

ELMSTED PARISH COUNCIL

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There will be the Annual Meeting of Elmsted Parish Council at Evington Village Hall on Thursday, 9th May 2024 at 7.30pm, and you are summoned to attend.

AGENDA

1. Election of the Chairman and any Vice-Chairman for the Council year 2024-25
2. Completion of the Declaration of Acceptance of Office Form by the Chairman.
3. To receive and approve apologies for absence.
4. To receive declarations of interest (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Other Significant Interests). The nature as well as the existence of any such interest must be declared.
5. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 14th March 2024.
6. To discuss matters arising from the above minutes not covered by the agenda.
7. Report from District/County Councillors.
8. To have a questions and answers session with the Directors from "The Yard" CIC.
9. Public session: To receive questions and comments from the public on any agenda item.
10. To confirm eligibility to use the General Power of Competence.
11. Appointment and scope of the Internal Auditor.
12. To review the effectiveness of the system of Internal Controls: Councillors are asked to consider the Statement of Internal Control in support of the Annual Governance Statement.
13. Financial matters:
 - a) To approve the following financial documents:
 - i. To receive the end of year accounts
 - ii. To confirm that the Council can certify itself as exempt from the "limited assurance review" and complete the Certificate of Exemption
 - iii. To receive the report from the Internal Auditor
 - iv. To approve the Annual Governance Statement 2023/24, section 1 of the AGAR for the year ending 31 March 2024.
 - v. To consider the Accounting Statements 2023/24 and approve the Accounting Statements 2023/24, section 2 of the AGAR for the year ending 31 March 2024 and the supporting Bank Reconciliation as at 31st March 2024 and the explanation of significant variance from 2022-23 to 2023-24. To ensure the Accounting Statements 2023/24 are signed and dated by the person presiding at the meeting.
 - b) To note/authorise the following:
 - i. To note the Parish Council's financial position, Chair to initial bank statement.
 - ii. To authorise any payments

14. To agree payment to the Joint Asset Management Group, £1400 as a one-off payment this year to cover historical expenditure, going forward it is anticipated, Elmsted PC will pay circa £900.00 per annum, Hastingleigh PC paying the insurance and rent independently so their contribution is £700.00 per annum. Expected Joint Asset Management expenditure is £1440.00.
15. To agree and adopt the Joint Asset Management Open Space Policy
16. To review Financial Regulations, Standing Orders, Asset and the Risk Assessment, and confirm arrangements for insurance cover in respect of all insured risks
17. Review of the Council's and/or staff subscriptions to other bodies ie KALC/ACRK
18. Review of the Council's complaints procedure;
19. Review of the Council's policies, procedures and practices in respect of its obligations under freedom of information and data protection legislation (*see also standing orders 11, 20 and 21*);
20. Review of the Council's policy for dealing with the press/media;
21. Review of the Council's employment policies and procedures;
22. To consider any changes to the Risk Assessment.
23. Planning matters: to approve the responses to any recent planning applications.
24. Any Other Business (for information purposes only):
25. Determining the time and place of ordinary meetings of the Council up to and including the next annual meeting of the Council.

Thursday 12 September 2024

Thursday 12 December 2024

Thursday 12 March 2025

Thursday 8 May 2025

26. Date of next meeting – 12th September 2024



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Members of the public and press are welcome to attend and will be given an opportunity to speak on any matter on the agenda.