

9th May 2024

**The Annual Parish Council meeting of the new Grouped Council to be held on
Thursday 16th May 2024 at 7pm at Maiden Newton Village Hall**

The Public and Press are cordially invited to attend.

The Clerk has been nominated by the Monitoring Officer to convene the grouped parish council meeting and then to preside over the first item of business.

AGENDA

- 24/05-1.** Election of Chair for 2024-25 and sign the acceptance of office. The new Chairperson will then take over the rest of the meeting.
- 24/05-2.** Election of Vice-Chair 2024-25 and sign the acceptance of office.
- 24/05-3.** To receive and approve apologies for absence.
- 24/05-4.** To receive declarations of interest or grants of dispensation.
- 24/05-5.** To consider the parish council vacancies following the election.
- 24/05-6.** To approve the minutes of the final Maiden Newton Parish Council meeting held on the 4th April 2024 and sign.
- 24/05-7.** To receive any matters arising from the minutes for information only
- 24/05-8.** Democratic Forum (15 minutes)
- 24/05-9.** To confirm the roles and responsibilities of Councillors for the coming year
- 24/05-10.** To confirm the meeting dates for the coming year
- 24/05-11.** To consider that the Council is eligible to use the General Power of Competence (An eligible council is one which has resolved to adopt the GPC, with at least two thirds of its members being declared elected and the Clerk must hold an appropriate qualification)
- 24/05-12.** To reaffirm the Council's Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and other policies
- 24/05-13.** Finance:
- i. To confirm the Parish Council does not have conflict of interest with the external auditor BDO.
 - ii. To receive the Internal audit report 2023-24
 - iii. To approve the Annual Governance Statement 2023-24 (Section 1)
 - iv. To approve the Accounting Statements 2023-24 (Section 2)
 - v. To consider all payments and receipts due or paid since the last meeting.
 - vi. To arrange a meeting of the Finance group to discuss the budget for 2024-25 previously agreed.
- 24/05-14.** Council property: To receive the monthly property risk assessment reports (ALL)
- 24/05-15.** To consider user agreements with all groups associated with the Parish Council assets
- 24/05-16.** To consider all planning applications in circulation any other planning matters.
- 24/05-17.** To receive a report from the Eggardon Ward Councillor for Dorset Council
- 24/05-18.** To receive any Highways reports
- 24/05-19.** To receive any Rights of way reports
- 24/05-20.** To consider items of correspondence received or for noting.
- 24/05-21.** To confirm items for the next Parish Council meeting.
- 24/05-22.** Democratic forum 15 minutes- members of the public to raise any other items that may form future agenda items.

Signed by the Clerk: *Mrs M T Harding*

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