

WOODPLUMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

**An Extra-Ordinary Remote Meeting of the Parish Council
will be held on Monday 27th April at 7.00pm**

**Residents wishing to observe the meeting
must email the Clerk for a weblink.**

A G E N D A

- 1. Sound check, Muting, Voting procedure and Chairman's welcome.**
- 2. Apologies for Absence**
Members are required to verbally confirm their presence at the meeting.
- 3. Approval of Minutes – 20th April 2020**
Members are required to confirm that the 20th Apr Minutes are an accurate record and may be signed at the next face to face meeting
- 4. Declarations of interests**
Members are required to make any declarations in the normal manner.
- 5. Public Participation**
As this is an extra-ordinary meeting, residents are requested to submit any questions - on the Agenda item only - by email, when requesting the weblink.
- 6. Purchase of Land in Woodplumpton**
At the 20th April meeting, Members considered a proposal to submit a bid to purchase land for sale in Woodplumpton. During the meeting it was clarified that the proposal was to bid for one of the 2 plots of land with the intention of creating an ecologically sustainable, natural, green space that would include wild flower meadows.
Prior to the meeting, the Clerk ran the proposal past the City Council who indicated that CIL monies could be an acceptable method to purchase the land - if the land was intended for community use - however, due to current working restrictions, they are unable to advise on the intricacies of the use of CIL money and the legalities involved.
 - a)** Members discussed the pros and cons of the purchase and an amendment was put forward proposing that the Parish Council uses the next 10 days (before the 30th April closing date) to find out more information about the bidding process and to establish whether a submitted bid would be legally binding. The amendment was carried as detailed in the Minutes.
 - b)** Notwithstanding the above, Members wanted clarity on whether or not the Council should consider the purchase, based on the financial commitment already given to the traffic calming schemes. As detailed in the Minutes, Members voted to purchase the land, however, the decision was subsequently suspended because 2 Members voting for the purchase, stated they were unclear that the decision suggested that the purchase should go ahead - without any consideration to the City Council advice, solicitors fees, surveys or future maintenance costs - if the bid was successful and legally binding.Members are requested to consider the information collated under point **a)** and decide whether there is any risk attached to submitting a bid for consideration by the vendor.
Stage 1 – Having assessed the level of risk, **Members will be requested to vote on whether or not to submit a bid.**
Stage 2 – Should Members determine a bid can be submitted without any incurring withdrawal penalties, Members are requested to consider the information accumulated under point **b)** and **vote on whether to proceed with the purchase - should the bid be successful.**
- 7. Date of Next Meeting – 18th May 2020 at 7.00.**
It is likely that this will also be a remote meeting. The Agenda will be published in due course.