

SEMER PARISH COUNCIL

The Councillors of Semer Parish Council are summoned to an ordinary council meeting to be held at Semer Village Hall on Thursday 18th January 2024 commencing at 7.00pm.

Members of the public are welcome to attend this meeting and raise any issues or concerns in the Public Forum.

The Council, members of the public and press may record, film, photograph or broadcast this meeting when the public and press are not lawfully excluded.

AGENDA

1. Chair's welcome including the statement for the reporting at meetings of the council
2. Apologies for absence: Council to receive and approve the verified apologies for absence.
3. Code of Conduct and Declaration of member's interests:
 - i. [Council to confirm that it has adopted the Local Code of Conduct 2020](#)
 - ii. To receive declarations of registrable interests, other and non-registerable interests as detailed in Appendix B of the Local Code of Conduct.
 - iii. To receive notification of gifts or hospitality exceeding £50.
4. Minutes of meetings: to approve the minutes of the meeting of 16th November 2023.
5. Public Forum:
 - i. To receive a report from the County Councillor
 - ii. To receive a report from the District Councillor
 - iii. To note the new policing model in operation effective 4th December 2023 [Suffolk Constabulary Operation Model Booklet](#)
 - iv. To receive comments from the public on the agenda as published or concerning Semer.
6. Parish Matters: to receive an update on items raised at previous meetings:
 - i. A1141 speed limit change – to note the costs involved for the amendment to the speed limit on the A1141 between Hadleigh and Semer and to discuss the way forward
 - ii. Ditch clearance – to receive an update on appropriate works to be carried out to the ditches bordering church and parish land.
 - iii. Babergh Community Energy project.- to receive an overview of the project from Cllr. Nuttall.
 - iv. Overgang Ford Signage – Council to consider whether further warning signs should be supported warning of deep water when the river is overflowing.
7. Statutory Business:
 - i. [To review and adopt Model Standing Orders 2024](#)
 - ii. [To review and adopt Model Financial Regulations 2024](#)
8. Planning Matters:
 - i. To consider the following planning applications: *none received at time of serving*
 - ii. To note the following planning applications as determined by Babergh District Council: *none at time of serving*
 - iii. To note the following planning matters:
 - [Babergh and Mid Suffolk Call for Sites 2024](#)

9. Financial Report:

- i. To consider and approve the following items for payment:
 - Clerk's Hours to date – tbc
 - HMRC – PAYE due to date - tbc
- ii. To note the receipt of the following items:
 - UK Power Networks – Wayleave - £4.60
- iii. To note the bank balances to date and consider the financial position as at 11th January 2024
- iv. To consider and approve the Budget for the year 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025.
- v. To consider and approve the Precept to be set for the year 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025.
- vi. Barclays Bank – to receive an update on the setting up of a Community Bank Account.

10. Councillor Reports:

- i. To receive matters of interest for noting
- ii. To receive urgent matters of concern

11. Correspondence: to receive matters of interest not requiring a direct response.

12. Date of next meeting: to confirm the dates for futures meetings for:

- i. The year 2023-2024 – 21st March 2024
- ii. The year 2024-2025 – 16th May 2024 (ACM); 18th July 2024; 21st November 2024; 16th January 2025 and 20th March 2025.

Victoria S Waples
Clerk & Proper Officer to the Council
11.11.2023