

# SEMER PARISH COUNCIL

The Councillors of Semer Parish Council are summoned to the Council meeting to be held at Semer Village Hall on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2025 to commence 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. To receive declarations of registrable interests, other and non-registerable interests as detailed in Appendix B of the Local Code of Conduct.
  - ii. To receive notification of gifts or hospitality exceeding £50.
4. Minutes of meetings:
  - i. to approve the minutes of the Annual Council meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> November 2024 and to give authority to the Chair to sign the minutes in accordance with legislation.
5. Public Forum:
  - i. 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 publication of the draft SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL (PARISHES OF HADLEIGH, SEMER AND KERSEY) (STONE STREET) (A1141) (UNION HILL) (A1141) (30 MPH AND 40 MPH SPEED LIMIT AND REVOCATION) ORDER 202 was advertised in October 2024. Any objections and other representations were due no later than 25 October 2024.
  - ii. [Tree Planting in Semer](#) – to consider the material issued by BMSDC in connection with addressing the low tree canopy in the district
7. Statutory Business:
  - i. Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government – [Strengthening the standards and conduct framework for local authorities in England](#) – council to consider whether it wishes to formulate a response to the consultation
8. Planning:
  - i. To note commentary made by the council in relation to the following applications received from the local planning authority:
    - DC/24/05239 - Proposal: Full Planning Application - Change of use of 2 holiday lets to dwelling and annexe. Location: Dove House, Ash Street.
    - DC/24/05073 - Proposal: Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed: Change of use from Commercial, Business and Service (Use Class E) to

Dwellinghouses (Use Class C3) Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development)(England) Order 2015 (as amended) Schedule 2, Part 3, Class MA. Change of use of office building (Class E) to 1no residential dwelling (Use Class C3). Location: Trident House, Overgang Road.

- ii. BMSDC – to receive commentary on the Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan Update.
- iii. BMSDC – to note the adoption of the Housing Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) and Intensive Livestock and Poultry Farming SPD

9. Financial Report:

- i. To consider and approve the following items for payment:
  - Clerk's Hours to date including payment of insurance premium – tbc
  - Suffolk cloud – transfer of website, hosting and email set-up - tbc
- ii. To retrospectively approve payment of the following items: none for consideration
- iii. To note the bank balances to date and consider the financial position as at 11<sup>th</sup> January 2025
- iv. To consider and review the actual versus budget for the period to date
- v. To consider and approve the precept to be set on the parish for the year 2025-2026 and to grant permission for the Chair and Clerk to sign the precept form to be submitted to the charging authority.
- vi. Council to consider whether it wishes to make a charitable donation to the following organisations following the submission of letters requesting same: Headway Suffolk and SARS.

10. Councillor Reports:

- i. To receive urgent matters of concern.

11. Correspondence:

- i. SCC – to receive [communication on the county council's decision to recommend Suffolk for inclusion in the government's Devolution Priority Programme \(DPP\)](#)
- ii. BMSDC – to note receipt of information from the Babergh District Council leader and Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils chief executive in relation to [Devolution White Paper](#); new National Planning Policy Framework (including increased housing targets) and Local Government Funding Settlement.
- iii. SALC – to note that SALC has produced [a blog page](#) with dedicated information on the Devolution White Paper and Suffolk County Council's response
- iv. BMSDC – Town and Parish Updates – [to receive the monthly report of January 2025](#)
- v. SALC – News Bulletins – to confirm receipt of the news bulleting via email.
- vi. To receive matters of interest not requiring a direct response

12. Date of next meetings:

- i. to confirm the dates for futures meetings as: 20<sup>th</sup> March 2025
- ii. to approve the dates for future meetings.

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Clerk & Proper Officer to the Council  
11.01.2025