



NOTICE OF FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Following the Annual Parish Meeting which starts at 7pm Tuesday April 11th 2023
Henfield Hall, Ram Hill BS36 2UF

Please do not attend if you, or a person you have been in close contact with are ill

Members are reminded that the Council has a general duty to consider the following matters in the exercise of any of its functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability), Crime & Disorder, Health & Safety and Human Rights.

AGENDA

1. Welcome & Introduction
2. Apologies for absence
3. Declarations of Interest under the Localism Act 2011 relating to this meeting

Reports from South Gloucestershire Councillors on matters relating to the Parish

Pre-election Purdah Period Commences

The pre-election period started on Friday 24th March 2023. From the start of this period local authorities must comply with restrictions outlined in Section 2 of the Local Government Act 1986. The Act states that local authorities should "not publish any material which, in whole, or in part, appears to be designed to affect public support for a political party." The Code of Practice recommends that authorities should generally not issue any publicity which seeks to influence voters and that publicity relating to individuals involved directly in the election should not be published unless expressly authorised by statute.

What this means for South Gloucestershire Council:

The primary restriction is on proactive publicity by the council which particularly relates to candidates and other politicians involved directly in the election. The council can still issue media releases on factual matters provided that these do not identify individual councillors or groups of councillors. Individual councillors can issue their own statements, write letters to local newspapers for publication, contact the media directly or say what they like in a stated personal capacity, but must not use council resources to do so.

The Leader and Chief Executive introduction to the weekly email for residents will be removed but the council will continue to issue weekly updates so that residents can keep up to date with information on services.

The council will not contribute to the weekly columns in local media, and will advise media of this, though these opportunities may still be taken up by councillors in an individual capacity. All content issued by the council will only require officer approval during this period.

Demand Responsive Transport (DRT) Begins

Westlink, the two-year DRT trial being funded by the West of England Combined Authority's (WECA) Bus Service Improvement Programme funding, began yesterday. Under DRT residents will book a journey (online, through an app or by telephone 0117 457 8561) and be given a pickup time from a nearby bus stop. Journeys can be anywhere within one of WESTlink's DRT zones and passengers are able, at the same time, to book a return journey later in the day. The North Zone covers Thornbury, Yate, and Chipping Sodbury as well as the wards of Frampton Cotterell, Charfield, Boyd Valley, Severn Vale and Pilning & Severn Beach; it will operate Mon – Sat from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

More information on the zones map, how Westlink will operate and how journeys can be booked can be found at <https://travelwest.info/westlink>.

Wessex Water 2025 – 30 Plan Meeting

Residents are rightly concerned about pollution in our local rivers. Now there is an opportunity to ask Wessex Water questions on their detailed plan for 2025 – 30 at an online event on 28th April (10 – 11.30 a.m.). The 'Your water, your say' meeting is an opportunity for residents to hear how their plan has been developed and to ask them questions about it.

More information about the event and how residents can book a place can be found at

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/your-water-your-say-tickets-585687606397>

4. Council to note publication of statement of persons nominated for election on May 4th 2023
5. Pre-arranged items from members of Public **Please contact the Clerk before the meeting if you wish to speak.**

6. **PLANNING:**
- (a) Council to NOTE comments submitted since last meeting
 - (b) Council to NOTE planning decisions made by SGC since last meeting
 - (c) Council to discuss/comment on any necessary Planning Applications or other Planning Matters including:
 - (i) P23/01180/F Construction of a battery energy storage compound, with fencing, CCTV, access and associated infrastructure. Land Off Westerleigh Hill Westerleigh South Gloucestershire BS37 8RD
7. Parish Councillor Reports – written submissions, taken as read with questions taken as necessary.
8. Council to APPROVE [Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on March 13th 2023](#)
9. Council to NOTE receipt and APPROVE March 2023 finance documentation.
10. Council to receive and consider information from LNAP group about current year and future activities and APPROVE any arising budget requirements including funding to Avon Wildlife Trust
11. Council to consider request for Non-Standard Use of Westerleigh Playing Field on Aug 5th by Ye Olde Inne
12. Correspondence/Communication with Westerleigh Parish Council:
From SGC:
PT.7594 North Road, Yate - Temporary Road Closure 2 weeks in May
PT.7576 Westerleigh Road, Westerleigh - Temporary Road Closure under railway bridge towards Westerleigh and Crematorium at Shire Rd. Closed two nights after 15th May
Yate and other SGC libraries reports
- Other received items
Land Registry Confirmation of SGC ownership of lane opposite Westerleigh Village Hall
Truespeed ultrafast broadband installation in Coalpit Heath starting in April
13. Council to consider any Grant Applications including:
14. Council to receive information from Clerk & Deputy Clerk regarding ongoing matters/required approvals including:
Clerk: Council to complete 'No Conflicts of Interest Declaration' for external audit by BDO LLP
Deputy Clerk: Response from Avon Wildlife Trust (AWT) to required parts of their proposal
15. Council to DISCUSS/APPROVE submissions for any required CONSULTATIONS.
16. Council to consider/approve matters related to new name of this Parish Council
17. Items considered urgent or exempt by the Chairman.
18. Dates of upcoming public Parish council meetings www.westerleighparishcouncil.org.uk/meeting-dates/
ANNUAL Full Parish Council Meeting of new WESTERLEIGH & COALPIT HEATH Parish Council following elections
Tuesday May 9th Westerleigh Village Hall 7pm