

WESTERLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL



NOTICE OF FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday December 13th 2021 at 7pm at Manor Hall, Coalpit Heath

Members of the public attending meetings – Please wear a mask unless you are exempt - PLEASE do not attend if you have been in contact with any other person who has tested positive for COVID within the last 8 days or you are feeling unwell.

Please respect social distance from others. Hand sanitizer will be available.

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
4. Reports from South Gloucestershire Councillors on matters relating to the Parish

Westerleigh Parish Council – Frampton Cotterell District Councillors' Report

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Latest Government Announcements on the Omicron Variant of Covid-19

The Government has announced new 'Plan B' measures to combat the spread of the new Covid-19 Omicron variant and buy more time so that scientists can understand more about it:

- The wearing of face coverings is now legally required in most indoor settings including shops, banks, post offices, cinemas, libraries, theatres, takeaways, hairdressers and on public transport, unless exempt.
- Secondary school pupils are strongly advised to wear face coverings in communal areas, as are staff and visitors at all schools and childcare settings.
- Isolation changes – if you are a contact of a suspected or confirmed Omicron case, you must self-isolate, regardless of your vaccination status or age. You will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace.
- International arrivals into England from a country that is not on the red list must quarantine at home or in the place you are staying and take a PCR test before the end of Day 2. Residents can end quarantine if the result is negative.
- From today office workers who can work from home should do so.
- From 15th December, certain venues and events will be required by law to check that all visitors aged 18 years or over are fully vaccinated, have proof of a negative test in the last 48 hours, or have an exemption.

The Government has announced its intention to replace self-isolation with daily testing for some contacts of people who have tested positive for Covid-19. Further details will be set out shortly. Until then, current rules continue to apply and you **must** self-isolate if instructed to do so by NHS Test and Trace. This remains the law. The Government is also accelerating the Covid-19 booster rollout. It's important that we all get our jabs as soon as we are invited to do so as this will increase our level of protection against the Omicron variant.

The NHS is working on plans to offer:

- a booster dose to everyone aged 18 years old and over
- a booster dose to people aged 16 years old and over with a severely weakened immune system

- booster doses from 3 months after the last dose (currently it's from 6 months after the previous dose)
- a 2nd dose to all children aged 12 to 15 years old who are not already eligible

Please note that this is not yet available. Operationally, our local NHS has a lot of work to do and there will be no immediate changes to the Vaccination Programme, so please don't contact the NHS until more information is released about how these recommendations will be rolled out.

The council has updated their 'Guidance for events and celebrating occasions' to minimise the risk of spreading Covid-19 (<https://beta.southglos.gov.uk/guidance-for-events-and-celebrating-occasions>). It includes a list of simple precautions to keep yourself and others safe.

South Gloucestershire Council Local Plan Delays

Meeting papers published for the meeting of South Gloucestershire Council's Cabinet on Monday 13th December show there have been significant delays in the drafting of South Gloucestershire's Local Plan 2020. Revisions to the *South Gloucestershire Council Local Plan Delivery Programme 2022 – 2025* reveal the Phase 2 Local Plan Document is due to go out to public consultation between February and March next year with analysis of the responses to occur between April and November. The proposed Strategic Development Locations will now not be known until the Phase 3 Local Plan Consultation following that. Phase 3 has been inserted into the programme. These delays are partly due to delays in the drafting of the WECA's *Spatial Development Strategy (SDS)* as the respective new local plans of the constituent council's must be consistent with this regional planning document.

Badminton Road Cycle Lane Upgrade to Begin in January

Overnight road closures, to prepare for stage 1 of the cycle lane upgrade between Nibley Road to Coalpit Heath, will take place from Monday 3rd January 2022 (8 p.m. to 6 a.m. for seven nights Monday to Sunday). South Gloucestershire Council's StreetCare team will remove all the existing road markings and install narrow lanes which will avoid the need to use temporary traffic signals during the first phase of the roadworks (although they will be required later on). The total length of the works will be five months. The A432 Badminton Road is a key link between the A4174 Avon Ring Road and Yate that has been identified for improvement. The existing on-carriageway cycle facilities are well below the standards set out in the Government's most recent Local Transport Note and the upgrade is vital for keeping all road users safe.

South Gloucestershire Council's Budget for 2022/23

South Gloucestershire Council has published its draft budget for 2022/23. The proposals, which opened to public consultation on Monday 18th October 2021 to Sunday 9th January 2022, include increases in funding to children's services worth more than £10 million over the next four years, as part of the Council's focus on supporting South Gloucestershire residents as the country emerges from the Covid-19 pandemic.

The budget proposes in a 1.99 % increase in council tax with an additional 2% increase ringfenced as an Adult Social Care Levy (which will contribute towards the Council meeting the increasing demand for social care services). This overall increase of 3.99% in 2022/23 compares to overall council tax increases of 4.99% in 2021/22 (with 3% as a Social Care Levy) and 3.99% in 2020/21 (with 2% as a Social Care Levy). Next year's council tax increase would happen at the same time as the government introduces its new, controversial Health and Social Care Levy. This latter Levy will take form of a 1.25% increase in employee national insurance contributions (which in 2021/22 was paid by all those who earned more than £9,568).

The consultation process forms an important part of how the Council budget gets approved, with residents' feedback being presented in the decision-making report to Councillors. The consultation on next year's budget went live on 18th October and can be found at <https://consultations.southglos.gov.uk/Budget202223/>.

5. Pre-arranged items from members of Public
6. Council to discuss update of liaison with SGC over severe traffic & parking in Henfield Road/Roundways
7. Parish Councillor Reports – written submissions, taken as read with questions taken as necessary
Report & published Guide from Cllr Taylor following attendance at a Rural Housing seminar
8. Council to Approve Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on November 8th 2021
9. Council to report & consider any necessary Planning Applications or other Planning Matters and note comments since last meeting
(a) Land at Copp Hill, Westerleigh - Erection of 9 Dwellings – Proposed Rural Housing Exception Site Scheme
An Associate of LPC(Trull) Ltd - the agent for this landowner has asked to speak to the Parish Council.
10. Council to consider the principle/process/approval of obtaining an independent Housing Needs Survey
11. Council to receive update on IT requirements and costs and approve any necessary items
12. Council to NOTE receipt of end of November finance documentation
13. Council to receive further information relating to 2022/2023 budgets
14. Council to approve any decisions relating to 2022/2023 budgets
15. Council to agree and approve Precept request
16. Council to consider and APPROVE update to LGPS membership to allow for two members of staff
17. Correspondence/Communication with Westerleigh Parish Council:
From SGC:
PT.7098 Ram Hill, Coalpit Heath - Temporary Road Closure 1 month closure sometime after Feb 14th 2022
Other received items including those needing APPROVAL:
SLCC Renewal notice £186
SCRIBE accounts package Renewal £381.70 plus VAT (Due Jan 31st 2022)
New Frome Valley ward environmental online group facilitated by District Cllr Young
18. Council to receive information from Clerk regarding ongoing matters and approval where relevant including:
Tingdene snagging & Annual Inspection £195 inc VAT
Projects & works update
Use of Westerleigh Playing Field by Brimsham Green FC
Update on plans for CPR training
19. Council to discuss update of liaison with SGC over severe traffic & parking in Henfield Road/Roundways
20. Council to consider Youth Provision and decide any proposed resolutions or approvals
21. CONSULTATIONS – Council to consider response to:
22. Items considered urgent or exempt by the Chairman
23. Dates of future Full Parish council meetings

Monday January 10th 2022 Westerleigh Village Hall 7pm
Thursday February 10th 2022 Manor Hall, Newman Room 7pm

S Simmons Clerk to Westerleigh Parish Council

10th December 2021