

Lopen Parish Council

Agenda

**Ordinary Meeting
Monday 27 January 2025
At 7 pm
In The Sunday School Room, Lopen**

Public Forum

1. **Apologies for absence** : To receive and approve, if required
2. **Declaration of interests** : To receive notice, as required
3. **Dispensations** : To receive notice of any dispensations
4. **Minutes** : To receive the minutes of the meeting of the 3 December 2024, agree and sign as a correct record accordingly
5. **Unitary Councillor's Report**
6. **Planning**: To receive, discuss and agree responses required on any applications received by the date of the meeting.
7. **SID** : To receive any updates or other info & agree any necessary action.
8. **Footpaths & Village Maintenance** : To receive information on any activity and agree on action required. To note the completion of repair work to the footpath at the end of Rydon Lane.
9. **Orchard** : To receive any updates since the meeting of the 3 December 2024 and the Clerk's email to Somerset Council re their legal fees. Agree any action required.
10. **Budget & Precept**: To discuss and finalise budget allocations to enable Precept calculation and submission.
11. **Finance & Payments** :
 - To receive, note and sign any payment details and invoices made between last meeting and date of meeting, and authorise any additional items due.
 - To receive bank reconciliation, bank statements and list of payments and receipts for last period.
12. **Somerset Flooding Fund** : To receive updates on information gathered from Lopen Lane/ Merriott Road area residents by Cllr Crane and discuss and agree if there is sufficient grounds to apply for a grant, and authorise application.

13. Open consultation: NALC's *Strengthening the standards and conduct framework for local authorities in England* : To discuss and agree any response by 2/2/25 deadline for the Sector Survey.

14. Government Local Audit Reform; *a strategy for overhauling the local audit system in England* : To discuss and agree any response by 29/1/25 deadline.

15. Local Plan Call for Sites : Notice received, as part of the Local Plan covering the Somerset Local Planning Authority area, which is an invitation for sites for consideration for development. To discuss and agree any action required.

16. Yeovil's Hyper Acute Stroke Unit : To consider and agree any steps or action, within the Parish Council's powers, that could be taken to support action or efforts to prevent the Unit's closure.

17. Clerk's Report :

18. Training & Development : To consider attendance at any forthcoming training or knowledge-base meetings, including a new monthly forum for Town and Parish Chairs', commenced by SALC's new Executive Director.

19. VE Day 8/5/25: To discuss and agree any action required.

20. Matters to note : (no decision can be made at this time)

Note : The agenda order may be varied at the meeting if required

For the purposes of the minutes, the meeting will be tape recorded

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