

You are invited to attend a meeting of Tidenham Parish Council that has been arranged for **Wednesday 17th September 2025 at 7.00pm in Sedbury and Beachley Village Hall, King Alfred's Road, Sedbury**, for the transaction of business according to the enclosed agenda.

Yours faithfully

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Note: Members of the public are welcome to attend meetings of the Council and Committees, unless specifically excluded due to the confidential nature of the business. Members of the public can ask questions or make representation during item 5 but the council cannot make a decision on any matter which is not specified on the agenda.

AGENDA

1. ATTENDANCE

- a) **To receive** apologies for absence from those councillors unable to attend.
- b) **To consider for acceptance** those apologies received with reasons for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a) **To receive Declarations of Interest** in respect of matters contained in this agenda, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 in respect of officers and in accordance with the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 in respect of members.
Interests may be declared at any time during the meeting should they become apparent.
- b) **To consider any Dispensation Requests** received by the Parish Clerk and not previously considered.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- a) **To consider for approval** as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 16th July 2025.
- b) **To consider any questions** arising from those minutes.

4. CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR

To consider co-option of Sara Warby to the Parish Council.

5. PUBLIC CONSULTATION ***

To receive and consider any questions from the Public, which may be answered but not debated.

6. TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

- a. **P0826/25/OUT** – Land South of the A48, Tutshill.
Outline planning application for the erection of up to 190 dwellings (including affordable housing), with public open space, landscaping and sustainable drainage system (SuDS) and vehicular access point (some matters reserved).

7. TO REPORT ON PLANNING DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED POWERS (s101)

- a. **P0726/25/FUL** – Granary Barn, Stroath Farm, Stroath, Chepstow.
Variation of condition 02 (Approved plans) relating to P1411/21/FUL and P1412/21/LBC to allow for reconfiguration of ground floor layout and removal of cider press.
Tidenham Parish Council supports this planning application.
- b. **P0820/25/DISCON** – Granary Barn, Stroath Farm, A48 from junction at Woolaston Grange to junction with Hanley Lane, Stroath.
Discharge of condition 09 (bat boxes) relating to planning application P1411/21/FUL.
Tidenham Parish Council supports this planning application.
- c. **P0838/25/FUL** – 36 Bigstone Grove, Tutshill, Chepstow, NP16 7EN.
Erection of a detached annex ancillary to the main dwelling.
Tidenham Parish Council supports this planning application.
- d. **P0889/25/FUL** – Tubular Cottages, Beachley Road, Tutshill, NP16 7ED.
Variation of condition 01 (approved plans) of planning permission P0883/23/APP to allow for revision of parking and amenities layout.
Tidenham Parish Council supports this planning application.
- e. **P0989/25/TPO** – St Johns on the Hill School, Castleford Hill, Tutshill, Chepstow.

Crown lift Lime covered by T1 of DFTPO 218 by 5 metres on the roadside and by 3 metres over footpath.
Reduce crown of Sycamore covered by G1 of DFTPO 218 to include the removal of a weighted branch overhanging roadside and reduce back all other extended branches by 2 metres on roadside only.
Tidenham Parish Council supports this planning application and the proposed tree work.

8. POLICING IN THE PARISH

- a) **To note** Police crime statistics for Tidenham and Sedbury can be accessed following this link.
[Tidenham and Sedbury | Police.uk \(www.police.uk\)](https://www.police.uk)

9. COMMITTEES

To receive reports, minutes and recommendations from committees already circulated, enclosed herewith or to be circulated and to consider any questions arising from them.

- i). Finance and Probity Committee meeting held on 10th September 2025.
Questions to Councillor Clive Russell, Chairman of the Committee.
ii) Mopla Cottages Committee meeting held on 10th September 2025.
Questions to Councillor Clive Russell, Chairman of the Committee.
iii) Sedbury and Beachley Village Hall Committee meeting held on 10th September 2025.
Questions to Councillor Michael Swambo, Chairman of the Committee.

10. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

To receive and note any announcements from the Chairman of the meeting.

11. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

To note reports from Chris McFarling and the District Councillors who may attend the meeting.

12. PARISH CLERK'S REPORT

To receive and consider the Parish Clerk's Report. All items requiring the council to make a decision are specified separately on this agenda.

13. PARISH COUNCIL INSURANCE RENEWAL

- a) **To note** The Parish Council uses Clear Councils insurers as the broker for its insurance. Clear Councils have recommended changed their recommended insurers to Ecclesiastical Insurance Office Plc as they offer a better product suited to parish councils. Ecclesiastical have agreed to honour the 3 year Long Term Agreement entered into last year.
b) **To consider** renewal of insurance through Clear Councils, year 2 of 3 year Long Term Agreement, at £2023.53 including admin fee and Insurance Premium Tax. This premium includes legal expenses cover.

14. FINANCE

- a) **To approve payments** according to the Financial Statement for August 2025.
b) **To receive and approve the Financial Statement** for August 2025.
c) **To note** the Tump Farm Community Benefit amount of £7414.43 has now been received.

15. EXTERNAL AUDIT – 2024/2025

- a) **To consider** External Audit report for 2024/2025 and note that PKF Littlejohn have stated that the information provided is in accordance with proper practices and that no other matters have been raised giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.
b) **To note** the audited AGAR and Notice of Conclusion of Audit have been added to the website as required.

16. FOREST OF DEAN DISTRICT COUNCIL LOCAL PLAN

To consider response to the Forest of Dean District Council draft proposed Local Plan, following an in-depth review of the Plan by the working Group.

17. PARISH COUNCIL BLEED KIT

- a) **To note** delivery of free Bleed Kit offered by the DC to the Parish.
b) **To consider** location of Bleed Kit in the Parish.

18. SEDBURY AND BEACHLEY VILLAGE HALL

- a) **To consider** the following quotations for the removal and repositioning of the goal posts on the field behind the hall to the Buttington Road open space. This agreed by the Hall Committee and due to repeated anti-social behaviour over many years, requested by the Police and local residents.

- 1) Shane Weldon - £250 no VAT.
- 2) Greenfields Garden Services - £1746.69 plus VAT – total costs £2096.03.
- 3) Howard Rees - £890 no VAT.

- b) **To consider** regular spraying of weeds around the periphery of the hall grounds, once more this season and then every six weeks during 2026 growing season by Dave Kirkham at cost of £40 per spray. Due to difficulty in obtaining quotes for this type of work, one quote available and Dave Kirkham is on the list of the Council's preferred suppliers.
- c) **To consider** quotation from Howard Rees for the urgent removal of the wall and adjacent undergrowth, clearing of all rubbish and making good the concrete based area at the end of the Hall car park for £2910. This wall has been deteriorating over the past years and has now become dangerous. Howard Rees is a preferred supplier.
- d) **To consider** increase in cost of replacement CCTV camera of £297 plus VAT – total cost £356.40. Original amount agreed was £463 plus VAT but the original camera quoted for is no longer available.
- e) **To consider** virement of funds from General Reserves to Sedbury and Beachley Village Hall budget for the amount of any agreed items above.

19. TIDENHAM PARISH COUNCIL YOUTH PROJECT

- a) **To consider** proposal from Councillor Burgess and Rev Nikki Bullivant on the revival of the Youth Project.
- b) **To note** due to date and availability of the Music Bus, the first event took place on Wednesday 10th September. Councillors agreed the earmarking of funds of £9124 for the costs of the Youth Project in March 2025.
- c) **To consider** earmarked funds to be used for the project and expenditure to be reported to councillors at full council meetings.

20. TIDENHAM PARISH COUNCIL OPEN SPACES PROJECT

- a) **To consider** proposal from the Open Spaces Working Group that the toddler play area at the front of the Hall be upgraded using funds currently available for the project. That, due to increasing anti-social behaviour, the field behind the Hall be developed as a sensory garden with open spaces and planting and that the older children play equipment be located at the Buttington Road site with Orchard Fundraising Ltd to be used to source funding for this area.
- b) **To note** Clerk has approached the District Council to ascertain if the remaining S106 monies for improvement of air quality in the Parish could be used for the sensory garden / planting.
- c) **To note** if proposal is approved, quotations will be presented at the October meeting so that the toddler play area work can be agreed.

21. SEDBURY AND DISTRICT LEISURE GARDENER'S ASSOCIATION

To note the S&DLGA Agreement has now been signed and will be in effect from 2024 for three years. Management fees of £640 per annum to be paid for 2024 and 2025.

22. NALC TRAINING SESSION – BEYOND THE PRECEPT

To note Councillor Koning and the Clerk have been booked to attend the NALC event by Zoom at a total cost of cost of £84 including VAT.

23. TUTSHILL C of E SCHOOL ECO AWARD

To consider sending message of congratulations to Tutshill School on their ECO award announced July 2025.

24. THERMAL CAMERA LOAN SCHEME

To consider TPC to become a thermal camera loan site as part of the Scheme that allows householders to borrow thermal cameras to take images of homes and assess heat loss. (Details attached.)

25. CORRESPONDENCE

To receive and consider any other correspondence as detailed in the Clerk's Report.

DUE TO THE CONFIDENTIAL OR NATURE OF ITEM 20, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS WILL BE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING

26. STAFF SALARIES

27. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

To receive and note any matters which councillors wish to raise and where appropriate add to the agenda for the following meeting or meetings of committees.

28. FUTURE MEETINGS

To note the dates of future council and committee meetings:

Wednesday 15th October 2025 – Full Council meeting.

***** Allows a period not exceeding fifteen minutes for members of the public to make statements and ask questions of the Council. This item does not preclude Suspension of Standing Orders by the Council to allow participation on Items on the Agenda:**

- i) Each person will be required to state their name and address.**
- ii) Each person will be allowed no more than three minutes plus a brief follow-up to any answers given by the Council.**
- iii) Questions may be answered but not debated by the Council.**
- iv) Any issues that the Council considers require consideration should be referred to the next meeting of the Full Council or one of its Committees.**

*****Planning Applications - A member of the public can address the Committee after registering with the Clerk before the commencement of the meeting. The total time allowed for all representations for each application is six minutes. Council recommends the selection of a spokesperson where more than one person wishes to present a particular view. Speakers will not be permitted to enter into debate with members, officers or each other nor cross examine the applicant, objectors or supporters or any other party or any Councillor.**