



WEST DEAN PARISH COUNCIL (WDPC)

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COUNCIL AGENDA

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To Members of West Dean Parish Council

Dear Councillor

I summon all members to attend an Extra Ordinary Meeting of West Dean Parish Council to be held on Thursday 16th April 2026 at 6:00pm to be held at the Yorkley Community Centre, 2 Bailey Hill Yorkley, GL15 4RS

What3word location <https://w3w.co/multiple.scariest.pest>

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, Crime & Disorder, Health & Safety and Human Rights plus Social, Economic and Environmental matters.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COUNCIL'S CLIMATE EMERGENCY POLICY, PLEASE DO NOT BRING SINGLE USE BOTTLES OR CUPS TO THIS MEETING

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS MEETING MAY BE AUDIO OR VIDEO RECORDED AND MAY BE ADDED TO THE PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE OR STREAMED LIVE OVER SOCIAL MEDIA

Yours sincerely

West Dean Parish Council

Cllr S Dunford – Pillowell Ward
Cllr B Freshwater – Pillowell Ward
Cllr S Lewis – Ellwood & Sling Ward
Cllr M Bennett – Bream Ward

There will be no Public Forum.

	Extra Ordinary Meeting
260416.1	Declarations of Interest To receive any declarations of interest, members are reminded to declare any interest on the items on this agenda at this point or at any point during the meeting in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct.

260416.2	Motion to exclude the public and press – To resolve to hold this meeting in closed session (in-camera) under the provisions of The Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 as the following business to be discussed is considered to be of a confidential nature.
260416.3 260416.2i	Forest of Dean Biosphere Following WDPC meeting with Mr Chapman from Forest of Dean District Council (FODDC) and the lack of response to our following letter dated 31st March 2026, we still have grave concerns over the way this project is progressing. Therefore, we should discuss West Dean Parish Council's stance on the Forest of Dean District Council UNESCO Biosphere Application and consider the following motions:- 1. West Dean Parish Council (WDPC) representing 10,000 residents and having the biggest geographic area of the Statutory Forest, have grave reservations with the opaque way the Biosphere is being progressed by Forest of Dean District Council (FODDC). To this end it is proposed that WDPC formally request FODDC to suspend, as a matter of urgency, the UNESCO Biosphere Application and engage in full and proper consultation with all landscape options explained and considered. 2. A proper Sub-Committee be formed from WDPC to further the Council's aims.

This agenda and any supporting papers are embargoed until 4pm Wednesday 15th April 2026