



WELLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

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COUNCIL MEETING

You are summoned to attend a meeting of Wellington Town Council to be held at Court Fields School Hall, Wellington TA21 8SW on **Monday 5 July 2021 at 7.00pm.**

Members of the public are cordially invited to join this meeting.

Councillors, members of the public and members of the press are reminded that they must not attend the meeting if they have been advised to self-isolate through Test and Trace or by Public Health or if they or are any of their immediate household have COVID symptoms and/or have had a positive COVID test.

Those who are attending the meeting are reminded that social distancing of 2m is required before, during and after the meeting and that face coverings must be worn when entering the hall or moving around in the hall or school building. They can only be removed when seated.

All those attending will be required to provide their names and contact details for test and trace purposes. These will be held securely by the Town Council for a period of 30 days.

Members of the public who wish to have the opportunity to address the council will need to advise the Clerk in writing by no later than 12 noon on Thursday 1 July 2021.

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28 June 2021

1. TO OFFER WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

2. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO APPROVE THE REASONS GIVEN

If you cannot attend, please send your apology and reason to the Town Clerk

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members to declare any interests, including Disclosable Pecuniary Interests they may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Town Council's Code of Conduct and to consider any prior requests from members for Dispensations that accord with Localism Act 2011 s33(b-e) (NB this does not preclude any later declarations)
Standing declarations made by Councillors are set out at the end of the agenda.

4. MINUTES

To approve and sign the minutes of the Planning and Full Council meetings on 7 June (copies attached).

5. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Public Attendance: If the public wish to make a comment or ask the Council a question, these must be emailed to the Town Clerk by 12.00 on Thursday 1 July 2021. For those members of the public who have submitted any questions or statements, please note, a three-minute time limit applies to each speaker.

N.B Councils cannot lawfully decide items of business that is not specified in the summons/agenda (LGA1972 Sch 12, paras 10(2)(b) and Longfield Parish Council v Wright (1918) 88 LJ Ch 119

6. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE MAYOR

7. TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT ON RECENT COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

The report is attached to the agenda.

8. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE LOCAL POLICING TEAM

Sergeant Dan Bishop will present a report to the Council.

9. TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM MRS POLLY MATTHEWS, HEAD TEACHER OF COURT FIELDS SCHOOL

Following Mrs Matthew's appointment as substantive head teacher at Court Fields School the previous Mayor wrote to her to congratulate her and to invite her to come to a Council meeting to share her vision and plans for the school.

10. TOWN COUNCIL CONTRIBUTION TO THE COURTFIELDS SCHOOL DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD SCHEME

Report attached. It is **PROPOSED** that the Town Council make an annual contribution of £845 to the school to enable those pupils who may not otherwise be able to participate in the scheme, due to the cost of purchasing equipment, to do so.

11. HERITAGE UPDATE

(a) Dr Jo O'Hara, Programme Manager - Heritage at Risk, Somerset West and Taunton Council will provide a briefing to the Council.

(b) Adam Lockyear, Senior Farm Conservation Adviser for the Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group (FWAG) Southwest will outline the plans for a community farm as part of the and is seeking financial support of £1,500 to enable a feasibility study to be commissioned which will enable the development of business models and financial

forecasts, which in turn will inform a wider consultation process and support raising capital for the development of a Community Farm.

It is **PROPOSED** that the Town Council agree to provide funding of £1,500 to support the initial development of the community farm project.

12. TO CONSIDER A PROPOSAL IN RELATION TO THE ALLOCATION OF THE S106 FUNDING FOR PLAYING PITCHES IN WELLINGTON

A report is attached. It is **PROPOSED** that the Town Council recommend to Somerset West and Taunton Council that £250,000 of the remaining Cades Farm S106 funding relating to the provision of playing pitches in Wellington is allocated for the provision of playing pitches and associated facilities on the Longforth Farm development and that this funding be used (a) to contribute to the cost of the relocation of Wellington Football Club main pitch and facilities to Longforth Farm or if that does not take place (b) to contribute towards the cost of delivering alternative playing pitch facilities on that site as set out in the Longforth Farm S106 Agreement.

13. BASINS FOOTPATH – Cllr Govier

To investigate the feasibility, cost and planning implications of the construction of a footpath in the Somerset West Taunton Council land behind the Sports Centre in support of the volunteers who have raised funds towards the project.

14. PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE DATES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

It is **PROPOSED** that

(a) with immediate effect the date and time of the Finance Committee Meetings are changed so that from August 2021 meetings occur two weeks before each full Council meeting rather than taking place immediately before. This will allow time for the full Council to consider any recommendations from the Finance Committee before making a decision. If approved the next meeting of the Finance Committee will take place on the 19 July 2021 and

(b) the Policy and Resources Committee review the terms of reference of the Finance Committee to consider giving it delegated powers for some decisions.

15. EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE TOWN CENTRE COMMITTEE 23 JUNE 2021

An Extraordinary Meeting of the Town Centre Committee was convened on the 23 June 2021 to consider a proposal that the original indicative plan for the Emergency High Street Fund should be amended to include the cost of covering all stall hire costs at the Street Fair on 25 September 2021 up to the value of £3,000. The Committee **RESOLVED** to accept the proposal.

16. GRANT APPLICATIONS

The finance committee will make a recommendation on the following grant application

(a) Life Education Wessex

Life Education Wessex have submitted a grant application in the amount of £860 for their Helping Children Make Healthy Choices project. Supporting documents have been circulated to Councillors by e-mail.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members of Somerset County Council:

Councillor Andrew Govier

Councillor James Hunt

Councillor John Thorne

Members of Somerset West and Taunton Council:

Councillor Janet Lloyd

Councillor Andrew Govier

Councillor Mark Lithgow

Councillor Ross Henley

Councillor Vivienne Stock-Williams

Councillor Marcus Barr

Councillor Chris Booth