

**WELLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL**  
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## **EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

You are summoned to attend an Extraordinary meeting of Wellington Town Council to be held at Wellington Community Centre White Hart Lane TA21 8HN on **Wednesday 26 January 2022 at 7.00pm.**

*Members of the public are cordially invited to join this meeting. However, given the current situation with COVID rates in the town we are looking to minimise the number of face to face contacts so ask that members of the public only attend if there are pressing reasons to do so. Minutes are available online following the 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 Worship Centre or moving around it. 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 Tuesday 25 January 2022

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20 January 2022

## **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.

Councillors are reminded that failure to attend any Council meeting for 6 months, full council or a committee/s on which the councillor is a member, will result in them automatically ceasing to be a councillor irrespective of whether apologies are given.

## **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. 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 Tuesday 25 January 2022. 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

## **5. TO CONSIDER A PROPOSAL TO USE COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF PLAYING PITCHES IN THE TOWN**

A report is attached for information. It is **PROPOSED**

(a) the Town Council agrees to use its CIL budget to enable the aspirations of all sports clubs that have submitted bids for Section 106 funding to be met and that

(b) if (a) is agreed it uses its CIL funding to meet the full cost of the £150,000 requested by Court Fields School as a contribution to its 3G Pitch project on the basis that the funding is needed in November/December 2022 with the remaining S106 funding being used to support the football club developments at Longforth Farm and the rugby club developments on its Beech Grove Pitch.

## **6. TO CONSIDER A PROPOSAL FOR THE PURCHASE OF LAND**

A report is attached for information. It is **PROPOSED** that the Town Council

(a) welcomes the proposal by SWT to buy the areas of land detailed in Appendix A to this report:

(b) commence discussions with SWT in relation to the future control and ownership of relevant parcels of the land post purchase recognising the many benefits of the Town Council having a core role in having oversight of the land. This may include both future lease and purchase options.

(c) if SWT are unable to implement its proposal then that the Town Council seeks the approval of the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities & Local Government to apply for a PWLB loan for the purpose of purchasing land.

(d) that, as part of that process and only if necessary, the Council commence a period of public consultation to last for one month as detailed in this report.

**7. TO CONSIDER A PROPOSAL FOR THE TOWN COUNCIL TO APPLY TO THE PUBLIC WORKS LOAN BOARD FOR A LOAN TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE COST OF THE REPLACEMENT OF THE LONGFORTH ROAD TOILET BLOCK**

A report is attached for information It is **PROPOSED** that the Town Council

(a) agrees to the demolition and rebuilding of the Longforth Road Toilet Block rather than the refurbishment of the existing block;

(b) seeks the approval of the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities & Local Government to apply for a PWLB loan of up to £120,000 over the borrowing term of 20 years for the purpose of replacing the Longforth Road Toilet Block. The annual loan repayments will come to £7,519 at current interest rates.

(c) that as part of that process the Council commence a period of public consultation to last for one month as detailed in this report.

(d) that the balance of the costs are drawn from the Councils Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) income.

**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