



WELLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL
28 Fore Street, Wellington, Somerset TA21 8AQ
Tel: 01823 662855
E-mail: info@wellingtontowncouncil.co.uk

COUNCIL MEETING

You are summoned to attend a meeting of Wellington Town Council to be held at The United Reformed Church Hall, Fore Street, Wellington TA21 8AG on **Monday 4 April 2022 at 7.00pm.**

Members of the public are cordially invited to join this meeting. Whilst statutory COVID restrictions have been lifted we are continuing to look 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 or are any of their immediate household, have COVID symptoms.

Whilst restrictions have now been lifted, we would ask anyone attending the meeting to respect social distancing and to feel free to wear a face covering whilst attending the meeting.

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 Friday 1 April 2022.

David Farrow
Town Clerk
01823 662855
info@wellingtontowncouncil.co.uk
29 March 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, 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. MINUTES

To approve and sign the minutes of the Planning and Full Council meetings held on 7 March 2022 (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 must inform the Town Clerk by 12.00 on Friday 1 April 2022. For those members of the public who wish to ask a question or make a statement 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 AN UPDATE FROM THE LOCAL POLICING TEAM

A report from Sergeant Dan Bishop will be circulated in advance of the meeting.

7. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE MAYOR

8 TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT ON RECENT COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

The report is attached to the agenda for information.

9. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE TOWN CENTRE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 9 MARCH 2022

The draft minutes are attached for information and Councillor Lithgow will provide an update.

10. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE ENVIRONMENT AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 9 MARCH 2022

The draft minutes are attached for information and Councillor McGuffie will provide an update.

11. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 15 MARCH 2022

The draft minutes and relevant supporting papers are attached for information and Councillor Lithgow will provide an update. The Committee recommends that the Town Council **RESOLVES:**

(a) to approve the Funding Agreement with Court Fields School in relation to the Council's contribution of £150,000 towards the cost of building the 3G Pitch.

(b) to pay a further £50,000 of Community Infrastructure Levy funding to the football club to make up the difference between what it had applied for and what it received from Somerset West and Taunton Council.

(c) to approve the meeting arrangements for May 2022 namely:

- Annual Council Meeting – to be held on the 16 May 2022 and to incorporate the monthly Council meeting agenda and matters normally considered by the Finance Committee as that committee would not have been constituted at that time
- Planning Meeting – to be held following the Annual Council Meeting on the 16 May 2022
- Annual Parish Meeting to be held the following week and if possible to include a series of presentations from community groups the Council has supported over the year.

12. TO CONSIDER DRAFT PROPOSALS FOR THE FUTURE MANAGEMENT OF LAND BEING PURCHASED BY SOMERSET WEST AND TAUNTON COUNCIL (SWT)

Having agreed the draft Heads of Terms for the lease of the land at its last meeting the Town Council is asked to approve the attached document setting out the Councils commitments in relation to use of the land and an annual budget allocation to maintain and develop the land in line with those commitments.

13. LATE NOTIFICATION OF ROAD CLOSURES

Given the recent lack of, or lateness of, notification to the Town Council of significant road closures in the town, to consider how the Town Council should seek to ensure that it is properly consulted on road closures in the future and also to establish what plans there are to co-ordinate work in the town for broadband fibre installation while minimising disruption to residents.

14. ALLOTMENTS

A recent inspection has noted that several trees and branches have fallen at the Allotments. To enable work to be completed quickly the Council is asked to delegate authority to the Town Clerk to spend up to £5,000 for any necessary clearance and remedial work to be undertaken. All other Standing Orders/Financial Regulations relating to the entering in to of a contract for a service will be adhered to.

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