



WELLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL
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**Members of the Public and the Press are invited to attend all Council Meetings
(Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960)**

Dear Councillors,

You are hereby summoned to attend the following meeting:

Meeting	Council Meeting
Time	7.00pm
Date	4 July 2022
Place	United Reformed Church Hall, Fore Street TA21 8AG

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Councillors will be discussing all the items listed on the attached Agenda and minutes will be available online and on the Council Notice Board after the meeting.

Councillors and members of the public are reminded that they shouldn't attend the meeting if they or a someone they live with has tested positive for COVID or have COVID symptoms.

Yours faithfully

David Farrow
Town Clerk
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28 June 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 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 Town Council and Planning meetings held on 6 June 2022 (copies attached).

5. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Public Attendance: 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. UNITARY COUNCIL UPDATE

Unitary councillors to provide an update on any issues of interest to the Town Council and to consider any progress reports on Local Government Reorganisation.

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

The report is attached to the agenda for information.

10. FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 6 June 2022 are attached for information and Councillor Lithgow will provide an update at the meeting. The Committee **RECOMENDS:**

- (a) That the revised terms of reference for the Committee be adopted.
- (b) That rather than pay a Grant to the Carnival Committee the Council pay invoices on the Carnival Committee's behalf against those items detailed in the grant application. This responsibility will be delegated to Officers. A spending limit of £5,000 will be set aside with a dedicated budget line added to the monthly reports. This amount will be a one-off draw down from reserves and will not form part of the Council's ongoing budget for the purpose of setting the precept. Invoices for payment and spend against the budget will be reported to the Finance Committee in the normal way each month.

11. ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE

The minutes of the meeting held on the 9 June 2022 are attached for information and Councillor Lloyd will provide an update. The Committee **RECOMENDS:**

- (a) That the Terms of Reference for the Committee that have been circulated with the agenda be agreed.

12. ENVIRONMENT AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

The minutes of the meetings held 14th and 24th are attached for information. The committee **RECOMMENDS:**

- (a) that the final scheme (attached) and quotation for the refurbishment of Tonedale Play Area from Redlynch Leisure be accepted at a cost of £84,100 to be funded from CIL reserves.

13. POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The minutes and relevant supporting papers for the meeting held on the 16 June 2022 are attached. Councillor Lithgow will provide an update at the meeting. The Committee **RECOMENDS**

- (a) That the revised terms of reference for the Committee are agreed and that the Committee oversee the drafting of a revised Community Safety and Crime Prevention Strategy which would detail committee responsibilities and which committee should fulfil them. This will be added to the Policy Review Timetable.
- (b) That the revised Standing Orders circulated with the agenda are adopted by the Town Council.
- (c) That the revised Financial Regulations circulated with the agenda are adopted by the Town Council.
- (d) That the Council does not take up the offer of moving to office space in the town library when its refurbishment is completed.
- (e) That further work is done to seek the views of interested parties and the community in relation to the timing of the 2023 Remembrance Sunday ceremony with arrangements for the 2022 ceremony remaining as before.
- (f) That The Town Council's starting point in discussions with the Unitary Authority Project Team should be that the basis of a Local Community Network for the area should be centred around Wellington and its surrounding parishes linked in with the Court Fields catchment area and that the Council should reinstate the informal meetings with those parishes to seek their views.
- (g) That approval is given to the installation of new streetlights at Orchard Close, Bulford Lane and two at Clifford Terrace at a total cost of £7748 with £1500 of funding being drawn from the Street Light Budget and the balance from the Council's reserves.
- (h) That the Delegated Planning Agreement from Somerset West and Taunton for the period 2022/23 be approved.
- (i) That an informal workshop for councillors, to further develop the Vision and Work Plan, should be arranged prior to a more formal consultation with the community.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members of Somerset County Council:

Councillor Andrew Govier

Councillor Marcus Barr

Councillor Ross Henley

Members of Somerset West and Taunton Council:

Councillor Janet Lloyd

Councillor Andrew Govier

Councillor Mark Lithgow

Councillor Ross Henley

Councillor Marcus Barr

Councillor Chris Booth

Councillor Keith Wheatley