

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

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Dear Councillors,

You are hereby summoned to attend the following meeting:

Meeting	Council Meeting
Time	7.00pm
Date	5 September 2022
Place	United Reformed Church Hall, Fore
	Street TA21 8AG

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 someone they live with has tested positive for COVID or have COVID symptoms.

Yours faithfully

David Farrow Town Clerk 01823 662855 <u>info@wellingtontowncouncil.co.uk</u> 30 August 2022

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

2. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO APROVE 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 1 August 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. UNTARY 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 8 August 2022 are attached for information and Councillor N Powell-Brace will provide an update at the meeting.

11. POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The minutes of the meeting held on the 8 August and relevant supporting papers are attached for information and Councillor A Govier will provide an update at the meeting. The Committee recommends that the Council **RESOLVES**

- (a) To adopt the new Town Council Media Communications Policy as amended by the Committee
- (b) To adopt the revised Town Council Publication Scheme
- (c) To adopt the revised Town Council Privacy Notice

- (d) That the refurbishment of the Longforth Road proceeds without a Changing Places facility included in the specification, subject to confirmation from The Iron Duke that its facilities were available to the general public without having to buy food/drink from the pub, and that the Clerk should revisit the options for the block and report back at the next meeting of the Committee. Since the recommendation was made by the Committee the Iron Duke has confirmed that its Changing Places Facility is available to the public in general and not just customers.
- (e) That the Council engages with Community Council for Somerset Smarter Communities Team to undertake a Community Review.

12. ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 August 2022 are attached for information and Councillor Lloyd will provide an update at the meeting.

13. ENVIRONMENT AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

An item relating to the Somerset Bus Manifesto was considered by the Committee at its July meeting but was not included on the August Council meeting agenda in error. It **<u>RECOMMENDED</u>** to Full Council that the Town Council endorse the Somerset Bus Manifesto and support the Catch a Bus Week event at the beginning of September. Following a question at the last Council meeting the Town Clerk has confirmed that there is no immediate or ongoing financial commitment for the Town Council in supporting the Manifesto.

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