



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	Monday 1 September 2025
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 after the meeting.

Yours faithfully

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26 August 2025

1. WELCOME BY THE MAYOR

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

If you cannot attend, please send your apology and reason to the Chief Executive in advance of the meeting.

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 the minutes of the Council Meeting on 4 August 2025. A copy of the draft minutes are attached.

5. COMMUNITY AWARDS PRESENTATION

To present the 2025 Community Awards.

6. 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 are not specified in the summons/agenda (LGA1972 Sch 12, paras 10(2)(b) and Longfield Parish Council v Wright (1918) 88 LJ Ch 119.

7. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE LOCAL POLICING TEAM

A report from Sergeant Jon O'Connor will be circulated prior to the meeting.

8. PRESENTATION FROM CARNEY SWEENEY

To receive a presentation from Robin Upton, Director of Planning, from Carney Sweeney (on behalf of Bloor Homes) on the reserved matters application for residential areas at Longforth Park.

9. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE MAYOR

The Mayor will provide an update on her activities since the last meeting.

10. SOMERSET COUNCIL / LOCAL COMMUNITY NETWORK (LCN) UPDATE

Somerset Council Councillors, Councillor A Govier and the Chief Executive to provide an update on any issues of interest to the Town Council.

11. TO RECEIVE THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT ON RECENT COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

To consider a report from the Chief Executive.

12. PLANNING COMMITTEE

To approve and sign the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held 9 June 2025 (committee now disbanded).

13. POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

The draft minutes of the meeting held on 11 August 2025 are attached for information and consideration.

14. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The draft minutes of the meeting held on 13 August 2025 are attached for information and consideration.

15. ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

The draft minutes of the meeting held on 20 August 2025 are attached for information and consideration. The Committee makes the following recommendations:

(a) Longforth Farm Open Spaces

- i. That the Council accepts the transfer of ownership of the areas of land surrounding the allotment site and the Ecology Field and the verge area as marked on the attached map.
- ii. That the Council accepts the transfer of ownership of the play areas on the Longforth Farm development.
- iii. That Officers explore further the transfer of ownership of the footpath between Brendon Road and Lillebonne Way and associated street lighting and bring recommendations back to the Committee.

(b) Green Corridor

- i. That the Council supports Wellington Community Food in its application to DEFRA for a grant of c£25,500 over three years for improvements to the Community Farm site and surrounding area as detailed in the report.

(c) Pump Track Proposal

- i. that the Council agrees in principle to a Pump Track being located in the Recreation Ground on the site identified in the report to enable more detailed planning and preparation work to continue with final agreement being required from the Council to progress the project once detailed costings and plans are available.

16. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

To consider what comments to make on the following applications

(a) Case Ref: 46/25/0020

Proposal: Erection of food store (Use Class E) with associated works including parking, access and landscaping on land to the south of the A38 and east of West Buckland Road, Wellington

(b) Case Ref: 43/25/0062

Proposal: Application for Outline Planning with all matters reserved, except for access, for the erection of 2 No. dwellings with associated works on land off Corams Lane, Wellington

17. CONCLUSION OF AUDIT 24/25

To consider Section 3 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return – External Auditors Report and Certificate and to note the Notice of Conclusion of Audit (attached)

18. TO CONSIDER EXCLUDING MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

To consider passing a resolution having been duly proposed and seconded under Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 to exclude the press and public from the meeting, on the basis that if they were present during the business to be transacted there would be a likelihood of disclosure of exempt information, within the meaning of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972:

Reason taken from the legislation - Information is commercially sensitive.

19. LONGFORTH ROAD TOILETS UPDATE

Report attached.

20. TO CONSIDER POSSIBLE LAND ACQUISITION

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members of Somerset County Council:

Councillor Andrew Govier

Councillor Marcus Barr

Councillor Ross Henley

Director of Somerset Association of Local Councils (SALC)

Councillor Janet Lloyd