# Ongar

**Town Council** 

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# **Agenda**

#### TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

You are hereby summoned to a meeting of the full council to be held on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2023 commencing at 8 P.M. at the Council Offices, Bansons Way CM5 9AS. The press and public are welcome to attend.



Michael Letch. Locum Clerk, 14<sup>th</sup> April 2023

#### 64/23 Those present and apologies for absence.

**Motion.** The council to record and accept apologies for absence.

#### 65/23 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.

Members of the Council are subject to paragraphs 6 (DPIs), 7 (Other Pecuniary Interests) and 8 (non-pecuniary interests) of that Code. Members are also subject to paragraphs 9-11 of that Code as regards declaration of interests and participation in the meeting insofar as any item of business involves such an interest.

#### 66/23 Public participation.

To receive any representations from members of the public. The maximum time allowed for this item is 15 minutes. A member of the public shall not speak for more than three minutes.

# 67/23 To note the unopposed election of councillors.

Greensted ward. Simon Cole, Diana Roberts.

Shelly ward. Tom Acornley, Debra Barrell, Lawrence Mendoza. Two vacancies.

Chipping Ongar ward. Christine Feetham. Three vacancies.

Marden Ash. Basil Vaz, Jason Gunn. Two vacancies.

All seven vacancies can be advertised for co-option from May 2023.

#### 68/23 Project update.

Love Lane footway. Work to be managed by Ongar Community Sports Ltd.

Playground upgrade – further quotes for alternative equipment to be considered at a later meeting.

Town Sign – quotes to replace like-for-like being sought.

Love Lane Office – tenancy let, lease under preparation and occupancy to start in May.

## 69/23 Correspondence

Ride London.

- Letter to County Council
- Facebook comments

Concern about tendering process and competence of contractors.

Concern about demolition of weighbridge huts.

Rat infestation at Zinc

- Neighbours
- Zinc Management.

#### 70/23 Consultations.

Infrastructure levy consultation.

# 71/23 Reports from District and County Councillors.

To receive a five-minute report from District and County Councillors on matters relating to Ongar.

# 72/23 Police matters.

Update on Special Constable recruitment.

# 73/23 To agree the Full Council meeting minutes of 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023

**Motion.** The minutes of the Full Council Meeting are approved as a true record.

# 74/23 Finance reporting.

- a. To receive a list of all payments up to the end of March 2023.
- b. To receive a list of budgetary information on all accounts.

**Motion.** The Council notes the budgetary information and confirms that the account balance £18,020.42 agrees with the reconciliation.

The end-of year procedures are under way. Your accounts will be closed down on 18<sup>th</sup> May so you will be considering the AGAR and Audit Reports at the June meeting.

#### 75/23 Essex Association of Local Councils.

**Motion.** The council approves renewal of membership of the Essex and National Associations for 2023-24 at £1,027.21.

#### **76/23** Essex Playing Fields Association

Motion. The council approves renewal of membership for 2023 -24 at £30

**Motion.** The council will enter the Shelley, Cerizay, Greensted and Recreation Ground play areas in the EPFA best-kept playing fields competition.

## 77/23 Citizen of the year.

To consider nominations for organisations and individuals.

# 78/23 Ongar - Cerizay twinning event.

Report on visit.

# 79/23 To consider a grant application for coronation event.

To consider awarding grant funding to support the coronation event St. Helen's Catholic Church.

- 80/23 To note that the next meeting will be the annual meeting of the council and will be held on 11<sup>th</sup> May at 8 p.m.
- 81/23 To note the Elector's meeting will be held on 18<sup>th</sup> May. Starting time and venue to be set at this meeting.

# 82/23 Items for later agendas.

Risk assessments.

Cemetery price structure.

Year-end closedown.