Ongar Town Council

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Agenda

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

You are hereby summoned to the annual meeting of the full council to be held on 11th May 2023 commencing at 8 P.M. at the Council Offices, Bansons Way CM5 9AS. The press and public are welcome to attend.



- 83/23 Councillors to sign their declarations of acceptance of office.
- 84/23 Election of Chair.
- 85/23 Declaration of acceptance of office of Chair.
- 86/23 Appointment of Vice Chair
- 87/23 Those present and apologies for absence.

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

88/23 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.

89/23 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.

90/23 Appointment of Committees.

Motion. The Council appoints the members of committees as published at this meeting.

91/23 Appointment of delegates and representatives to outside bodies.

Motion. The Council appoints the delegates and representatives as published at this meeting.

92/23 To note the advertisement of vacancies for co-option

There are currently seven vacancies to fill. As the recent election counts as a call for poll, the council is free to move straight to calling for co-optees.

93/23 To agree the programme of meetings for 2023-24

Motion. The council will continue to operate the current rolling programme of meetings as shown in the published terms of reference.

Appointment of Clerk to administer dispensations for 2023-24 94/23

Motion. The Locum Clerk as Proper Officer to the Council will be authorised, where in his view it is appropriate, to administer dispensations for members with disclosable pecuniary interests that would otherwise leave the council inquorate.

95/23 To consider a response to an appeal against refusal of planning application APP/J1535/W/23/3318699 for 95 residential units in Greensted.

96/23 Project update.

Love Lane footway. Work completed.

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.

97/23 Correspondence

Further concerns about tendering process, tree maintenance and competence of contractors.

Insurance claim for damaged storage bin on allotment.

Redevelopment of Ongar Garden Centre.

Redevelopment of Essex House.

Youth Projects in Ongar.

98/23 Consultations.

None this month.

99/23 Reports from District and County Councillors.

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

100/23 Police matters.

Report on Rural Policing initiative operation 'Brazil' Update on Special Constable recruitment.

101/23 To agree the Full Council meeting minutes of 20th April 2023

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

102/23 Finance reporting.

a. To receive a summary of receipts and payments up to the end of April 2023.

Motion. The Council notes the draft budgetary information and confirms that the account balance £10,279.85 agrees with the reconciliation.

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

103/23 To appoint new signatories to the bank account

Motion. The Council will appoint two councillors to authorise bank payments and activities.

104/23 To consider funding for the Edward Gilmore memorial bench.

Motion. The council will provide the balance of funding and purchase a bench at the cost of £1,700 ex VAT.

105/23 To note the Elector's meeting will be held on 18th May. Starting at 8.00 pm at the **Council Chamber.**

106/23 Items for later agendas.

Risk assessments. Cemetery price structure. Year-end closedown. Ride London Debriefing