

# Ongar

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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 21<sup>st</sup> September 2023 commencing at 8 P.M. at the Council Offices, Bansons Way CM5 9AS. The press and public are welcome to attend.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Letch', with a checkmark-like flourish at the end.

Michael Letch.  
Locum Clerk,  
15<sup>th</sup> September 2023

**185/23 Those present and apologies for absence.**

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

**186/23 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.

**187/23 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.

**188/23 Project update.**

Playground upgrade. Pending consultation for a new piece of equipment.  
Anti Climb Collar CCTV. Pending decision on adjacent street light pole  
Jubilee Tree locations and species agreed. Locations for Coronation benches to be agreed.

**189/23 Correspondence**

Request for additional pedestrian crossing of High Street.  
Request for reinstatement of Epping – Ongar railway line.  
Edwyn Gilmore bench opening.  
Refuse heap in high street.

**190/23 Community updates**

Councillors to provide reports on interactions with constituents.

**191/23 Consultations.**

Brentwood Borough CIL Charging Schedule.

**192/23 Reports from District and County Councillors.**

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

**193/23 Police matters.**

Rural Policing newsletter.

Progress on recruitment of special constable.

**194/23 To agree the Full Council meeting minutes of 17<sup>th</sup> August 2023**

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

**195/23 Finance reporting.**

a. To receive a list of all payments up to the end of August 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 £17,899.19 agrees with the reconciliation.

**196/23 To consider draft budget for 2024 -25**

**197/23 To appoint an additional bank signatory.**

**Motion.** The council will appoint one additional signatory to authorise payments on the Unity Trust Bank.

**198/23 To consider applying for a winter warmth grant from Essex County Council.**

**Motion.** The Council will submit an application for winter warmth grant funding.

**199/23 To consider a grant application from the Ongar Pétanque Club.**

**Motion.** The council approves a grant of £1,400 to support the construction of additional pétanque pistes.

**200/23 To consider an appeal against burial ground fees on behalf of Mr Eames.**

**Motion.** The Council will apply the standard non-resident fee.

**201/23 To consider a request to publish draft minutes in advance of meetings.**

**Motion.** The Council will publish draft minutes in advance of approval.

**202/23 To consider Council involvement in the Town Twinning process.**

**203/23 To consider correspondence from Ongar Community Sports Club on fixtures and maintenance.**

**204/23 Ongar Tennis Club.**

**Motion.** The Council will establish a programme of annual rent reviews for all leases.

**205/23 Allotment price review.**

**Motion.** The Council approves an increase in allotments fees as published. effective from November 2024.

**206/23 Items for later agendas.**

Risk assessments.

Cemetery price structure.

Future Events.

Ongar in Bloom.

Emergency plan.