

# 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 19<sup>th</sup> October 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,  
12<sup>th</sup> October 2023

#### **207/23 Those present and apologies for absence.**

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

#### **208/23 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.

#### **209/23 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.

#### **210/23 Project update.**

Playground upgrade. Pending consultation for a new piece of equipment.

Anti Climb Collar CCTV. Pending decision on changing design of camera.

Jubilee Tree locations and species agreed. Locations for Coronation benches to be agreed.

#### **211/23 Correspondence**

Request for alterations to the High Street – Borough roundabout.

3food4u visit.

**212/23 Community updates**

Councillors to provide reports on interactions with constituents.  
Rural services network update.

**213/23 Consultations.**

Recycling centre vehicle bookings.

**214/23 Reports from District and County Councillors.**

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

**215/23 Police matters.**

Update on Op Brazil.  
Update on Special Constable recruitment.

**216/23 To agree the Full Council meeting minutes of 21<sup>st</sup> September 2023**

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

**217/23 Finance reporting.**

- a. To receive a list of all payments up to the end of September 2023.
- b. To receive a list of budgetary information on all accounts.
- c. To note receipt of the second tranche of precept.

**Motion.** The Council notes the budgetary information and confirms that the account balance £149,857.61 agrees with the reconciliation.

**218/23 To consider draft budget for 2024 -25**

To note version 2.1 and consider next actions.

**219/23 To agree a date for external training on Planning for all councillors**

**Motion.** The council appoints an external trainer from EALC at a fee of £350 to provide onsite training in planning procedure.

**220/23 To consider proposals for repairing a chain link fence.**

**Motion.** The Council will allocate up to £1,000 from general reserve to enable repairs to the fencing at the Borough – High Street Junction.

**221/23 To receive an update on the District Council's progress toward adopting a Community Infrastructure Charging Levy.**

**222/23 Ongar in Bloom**

To note the adoption of the planting scheme and to consider widening involvement among town traders.

**223/23 To consider arrangements for the 2023 festive shop window competition.**

**224/23 To consider joining the Essex Wildlife Trust initiative.**

**Motion.** The Council will work with EWT as a partner in the Wilder Towns and Villages initiative.

**225/23 To consider applying for trees from the Essex Forest Initiative.**

**Motion.** The council will accept ten assorted native species trees for planting at the Jubilee Park southern boundary line.

**226/23 To appoint an additional bank signatory.**

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

**227/23 Items for later agendas.**

Risk assessments.

Cemetery price structure.

Memorial management.

Future Events.

Emergency plan.