

Ongar

Town Council

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Members of the public and press are invited to attend this meeting

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

You are hereby summoned to a meeting of the Full Council to be held on 20th February 2025 commencing at 7P.M. at the Council Offices, Bansons Way CM5 9AS.

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Debra Murray
Clerk to the Council

AGENDA

13.25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To **NOTE** any apologies which have been received. **Motion.** The council to record and accept apologies for absence

14.25 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

To **AGREE** the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16th January 2025

To **AGREE** the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 10th December 2024

15.25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To **RECEIVE** any Declarations of Interest by Members.

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.

16.25 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC & PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

To **RECEIVE** questions from members of the public for a period determined by the Chairperson of the Meeting. The maximum time allowed for this item is 15 minutes. A member of the public shall not speak for more than three minutes. ***Please NOTE if the Clerk of the Meeting has not been previously notified of the Question, Council may have to note questions and respond to them after the Meeting.***

17.25 CLERKS REPORT

Councillors will be update by the Clerk of correspondence and information received and actioned

18.25 REPORTS & MEMBERS REPORTS

-Chairmans Report

-Town Councillors Reports and for those that attend on committees on behalf of the town council.

It is understood that a number of Cllrs, have attended meetings in their positions as Councillors and will give a brief resume of their attendance.

-District and County Councillors

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

(The Chairman may bring any Report including the Reports from District & County Councillors to earlier in the meeting if all Councillors are agreeable)

- Details of Consultations

- a) Cllr Henry Walton will advise Members of the numerous Consultations that have been held with Developers on the Planning Development Sites in Ongar
- b) The locum clerk/clerk will advise of any other consultations that have been received and are not covered separately in this Agenda.

19.25 FINANCIAL REPORTS

Finance reporting

- a. To receive a summary of receipts and payments up to the end of January 2025.
- b. To review a list of budgetary information on all accounts.

Motion: The Council notes the budgetary information and confirms that the account balance of cashbook 1 at £15,924.22 agrees with the reconciliation.

Motion: The Council notes the budgetary information and confirms that the account balance of cashbook 2 at £606,7225.95.

Motion: The Council notes the budgetary information and confirms that the account balance of cashbook 3 at £28,670.79.

20.25 POLICE REPORT

A police report for the area will be submitted in writing or person.

21.25 Removal of Notice Board in Library Car Park

To **AGREE** whether or not it would be possible to remove the notice board in the Library Car Park due to the concern for safety of Town Council staff and residents reading the notice board.

22.25 To **APPROVE** the Combined Inspection and Testing of all streetlights the quotation is £2,625 for our 91 streetlights.

23.25 To **APPROVE** Internal Auditors for 2024/2025 Accounts Heelis and Lodge

24.25 To **APPROVE** the New Lease document for Love Lane Office, for the Clerk to issue

25.25 To AGREE the date for the private meeting to review the Jubilee Park Lease as per item 112.24 November 2024 Meeting of the Full Town Council.

Motion to discuss Jubilee Park lease in a private meeting **suggested** on Thursday 6th March 2025.

26.25 CCTV

To Consider and Agree to suspend standing orders 11(h)

Motion to suspend standing orders 11(h)

Proposed:

Seconded:

To Agree to place our CCTV with EFDC as per the September minute item 52.24

Motion to agree that the CCTV will be placed with EFDC to upgrade and monitor the town's CCTV and act as the information commissioner and data controller

The Clerk will provide an Update Councillor's on the CCTV upgrade.

27.25 RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT DECISIONS MADE AT 19TH SEPTEMBER MEETING 2024

It has been raised by a local resident that the full council meeting held on 19th September 2024 went on for 39 minutes longer than permitted by Standing Orders. Whilst at the meeting it was agreed to extend the meeting by an additional 39 minutes (albeit not recorded in the minutes), this was technically not permitted by the Standing Orders. In order to resolve this matter, Councillors are now asked to:

1. Retrospectively agree all the matters that were agreed at the 19th September 2024, regardless of time.
2. Given the amount of business to be conducted by the Council at the current time, to consider to removal of Standing Order number 3(x) which restricts the time permitted for meetings.

28.25 Ongar Bridge Car Park

To Consider the Correspondence from V Fund if the council are open to discussing proposals in relation to the removal of this covenant, and, if so what would be the Council's expectations to agree to this.

29.25 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS

In the event that the agenda contains Exempt (pink) pages, or an item needs to be discussed confidentially, to **CONSIDER** the following motion to be proposed by the Chairman:

"That the public and the press be excluded from the meeting, the Council believing that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business about to be discussed. However, an item may be placed in the Confidential part of the meeting so long as it is accordance with the Statutory Guidance,

There is currently NO items to be considered
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30.25 ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Emergency Plan

Various Leases*

Disability Access – Look at Lease and Contact EFDC*

- **Clerk is aware of these**