



TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

You are hereby **summoned** to a meeting of the Full Council to be held on 16th April 2026 commencing at 8pm at the Council Offices, Bansons Way, Ongar. The Public and Press are welcome to attend. Note: This meeting may be recorded by the Clerk for the purposes of minute taking.

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Debra Murray
Town Clerk

AGENDA

- 49.26 Those present and apologies for absence**
To report, approve & record apologies for absence (and the reasons) from members
Motion: The council to record and accept apologies for absence.
- 50.26** To agree the Full Council Minutes of 19th of March 2026
Motion: to Agree the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 19th March 2026.
- 51.26 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**
To RECEIVE any Declaration of Interests 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 declarations of interests and participation in the meeting insofar as any item of business involves such an interest.
- 52.26 Questions from Members of the public and public participation**
To RECEIVE questions from members of the public for a period determined by the Chair 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.**
- 53.26 Clerks Report**
Councillor's will be updated by the Clerk of correspondence and information received and actioned.
- 54.26 Reports & Members Reports**
-Chairmans Report
-Town Councillor's 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 Councillor's and will give a brief resume of their attendance.
-District and County Councillor's
To receive a five-minute report from District and County Councillor's on matters relating to Ongar.
(The Chairman may bring any Report including the Reports from District & County Councillor's to earlier in the meeting if all Councillor's are agreeable)

-Details of Consultations

a) Cllr's will advise by either the chair or vice chair of the planning committee on the numerous Consultations that have been held with Developers on the Planning Development sites in Ongar

The clerk will advise of any other consultations that have been received and are not covered separately in this Agenda.

55.26

Financial Reports

Finance reporting

a. To receive a summary of receipts and payments up to the end of March 2026.

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 current account as at 31st March 2026 at £7,367.29 agrees with the reconciliation.

Motion: The Council notes the budgetary information and confirms that the account balance of deposit account as at 31st March 2026 at £554,937.58.

Motion: The Council notes the budgetary information and confirms that the account balance of Nationwide account as at 28th February 2026 at £29,638.73 (statement not yet received)

Motion: The Council notes the budgetary information and confirms that the account balance of allotment account as at 31st March 2026 at £2,499.44

To NOTE the CCLA balance is £50,788.67

56.26

Police Report

A police report for the area will be submitted in writing or person. The clerk has requested a report be submitted if attendance is not possible.

57.26

Allotment Rules and Regulations

Councillor's are to **REVIEW** and **AGREE** the allotment rules and regulations.

58.26

Fire Risk Assessment

Councillor's are to **NOTE** the new Fire Risk Assessment for Bansons

59.26

Citizen of the Year Nominations and Awards

Councillors are to nominate 2 awards for the Annual Town Assembly from the information on Sharepoint spreadsheet, this is in addition to the top 4 chosen by the residents.

60.26

Fuel Rationing

Councillors are to **Note** operational decisions should fuel rationing commence due to the conflict in Iran.

61.26

Shelley Update

Councillors are to receive an update following the walkabout Shelley with Cllr C. Whitbread and Shelley Ward Councillors.

62.26

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 in accordance with the Statutory Guidance.

There is currently two items to be considered.

63.26

Ongar Bridge Car Park

Councillor's to discuss the meeting held on 30th March 2026, with the Chair of planning and the owner of Ongar Bridge Motors regarding the Ongar Bridge Car Park, regarding the Ongar Bridge Car Park.

64.26

Staffing Update

The chair of the staffing committee to update staffing issues.

Items for Future Meetings

Various Leases*

Disability Access – Look at Lease and Contact EFDC*

Strategic Development Plan*

- **Clerk is aware of these.**