

# Ongar

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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 the meeting of the Full Council to be held on 15<sup>th</sup> of January 2026 commencing at 8 P.M. at the Council Offices, Banson's Way, Ongar, CM5 9AS.

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Debra Murray  
Clerk to the Council

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## **AGENDA**

### **1.26 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.

### **2.26 VACANCY FOR COUNCILLOR VIA CO-OPTION**

Applications for co-option has been received by the council for outstanding vacancies. Details of the applicant's resume are within the councilor's folder. The applicant's will attend the meeting. Councillor's will be asked to review the resume's and make a decision on co-option at this meeting.

### **3.26 TO AGREE THE FULL COUNCIL MINUTES OF 18<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

**Motion:** To AGREE the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> December 2025.

### **4.26 DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

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.*

### **5.26 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.***

#### **6.26 CLERKS REPORT**

Councillor's will be updated by the Clerk of correspondence and information received and actioned.

#### **7.26 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 Councillors 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 will be advised 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
- b) The clerk will advise of any other consultations that have been received and are not covered separately in this Agenda.

#### **8.26 FINANCIAL REPORTS**

##### **Finance reporting**

- a. To receive a summary of receipts and payments up to the end of December 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 current account as at 31st December 2025 at £11,260.23 agrees with the reconciliation.

**Motion:** The Council notes the budgetary information and confirms that the account balance of deposit account as at 31st December 2025 at £616,941.05.

**Motion:** The Council notes the budgetary information and confirms that the account balance of Nationwide account as at 31st December 2025 at £29,638.73

**Motion:** The Council notes the budgetary information and confirms that the account balance of allotment account as at 31st December 2025 at £2,486.62

#### **9.26 POLICE REPORT**

A police report for the area for the last 12 months has been included in for councillor's to **NOTE.**

#### **10.26 CODE OF CONDUCT**

Councillor's are to **DISCUSS** and **AGREE** to adopt the latest NALC Code of Conduct.

#### **11.26 BUDGET & PRECEPT**

To approve the budget for 2025/26

The Council are asked to **DISCUSS** and **AGREE** the balance budget for 2026/2027.

#### **12.25 TO APPROVE THE PRECEPT DEMAND FOR 2026/2027**

Councillors are asked to **DISCUSS** and **AGREE** the precept demand for 2026/2027.

#### **13.26 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 accordance with the Statutory Guidance.

There is currently 0 items to be
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#### **14.26 ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

Council Leases\*

Disability Access – Look at Lease and Contact EFDC\*

Strategic Development Plan\*

- **Clerk is aware of these**