

Ongar

Town Council



Aimi Middlehurst
Town Clerk



2 October 2014

TO MEMBERS OF THE OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the **OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE** to be held in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER, BANSONS, BANSONS WAY, ONGAR CM5 9AS** on **THURSDAY 9th October 2014** commencing at **8pm** for the transaction of business as set out below.

Members of the press and public are invited to attend.

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AGENDA

56/14 Apologies for absence

57/14 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPIs), Other Pecuniary Interest and Non Pecuniary Interests under the Council's adopted Code of Conduct.

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.

58/14 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda previously notified to the Clerk

The Council will hear first from Councillors with prejudicial interest who must leave the room immediately after they have made their representations, answered questions or given evidence. Councillors cannot remain in the room to hear representations of others. After the close of public participation session, any member having left due to Section 12 (2) may rejoin the Council. When the Council starts to discuss any item on the agenda, where a member has an interest, the member with that interest must have regard to the Code of Conduct and make the necessary disclosure and where appropriate leave the meeting.

The maximum time allowed for this item is 15 minutes.

59/14 To agree the minutes of the Open Spaces committee meeting held on 4 Sept 2014

The minutes are attached.

60/14 Matters arising from previous committee meeting

61/14 Clerk's Report - on items of information that are not an agenda item.

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62/14 Allotments

- i) To consider a request to keep bees at Castle St site
- ii) To consider information from Council solicitor regarding the lease for Castle St site
- iii) To consider increasing the rent from 1st Nov 2015 and make a recommendation to Finance committee
- iv) To receive information on the drainage ditch at Castle St site

63/14 Cemetery

- i) To consider locking the main gates to increase security for the Chapel
- ii) To note the number of unauthorised memorials and to agree a course of action
- iii) To agree the change of wording on the Fees document
- iv) To note concerns regarding the use of mechanical diggers

64/14 Play areas

To consider providing notices at Rock Stakz and Outdoor Gym

65/14 Vandalism

To receive information on the number of instances of vandalism and criminal damage on Council property

66/14 Open Spaces committee budget 2014/15

- i) To receive information on the committee budget
- ii) To agree to transfer funds to Public Relations to pay for professionally produced newsletter
- iii) To consider draft committee budget for 2015/16
- iv) To consider transferring unspent revenue from 2014/15 to 2015/16
- v) To consider alternative projects for Nature Reserve planting budget

67/14 Open Forum

Unlisted items can be raised by Councillors or members of the public for the Council's consideration.

Time limited to 15 minutes.