

Wisbech Town Council



WISBECH TOWN COUNCIL

10 August 2020 – 7.30 pm

(Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the restriction placed by the Government on gatherings of people, this meeting will be held remotely, via the Zoom video conferencing system, for councillors and for members of the public who wish to participate. For more information, please contact the Town Clerk (details shown at the foot of this agenda)).

All members of the council are hereby summoned to attend for the purpose of considering and resolving the business to be transacted at the meeting, as set out below.

(A period not exceeding 15 minutes is made available at the beginning of the meeting, where the public so require, to raise issues relating to matters over which the council has duties, powers or influence. A member of the public wishing to make a representation to the meeting would need to submit the text in writing, to the Town Clerk, prior to the meeting, as there would be no opportunity for it to be raised in person by the member of the public).

AGENDA

1. To receive members' apologies for absence.
2. Open Forum/Public participation – Clerk to report.
3. To receive members' declarations of disclosable pecuniary, non-disclosable pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in relation to any agenda item (see guidance notes at the end of the agenda).
4. Wisbech Town Cricket and Hockey Club – to receive a presentation from representatives of the club on its Improvement Programme and how it hopes to achieve the delivery of that programme.
5. Fenland District Council to receive information in relation to District Council activities relevant to Wisbech and to consider:
 - (1) further to minute 162/19 (2), the opportunity to submit, through a further consultation exercise, additional potential development sites in Wisbech, as part of the process of producing new Fenland Local Plan for the period 2019 – 2040 (information from the District Council has already been circulated to members);
 - (2) further to minute 11/20 (2), the opportunity to submit a further response to that council's consultation exercise in relation to the Dog Public Space Protection Order (information from the District Council has already been circulated to members);
6. Cambridgeshire County Council - to receive information in relation to County Council activities relevant to Wisbech, to include the outcome of the Town Council's application to the County Council's Communities Capital Fund.
7. To confirm, for signature by the Chairman when possible, the minutes of the meeting of Wisbech Town Council held on 6 July 2020 (attached).
8. Appointment of committees – to review the membership of the council's committees for the municipal year 2020/21 (report from the Clerk to be circulated in advance of the meeting).

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9. Delegated powers – further to minute 19/12, to consider the need for continuation of the powers which were delegated to the Clerk (to be exercised in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the relevant Committee Chairman) and took effect from 24 March 2020.
10. Wisbech Town Council accounts 2019/20 - to consider the Annual Return 2019/20, for submission to the council's Internal Auditor (information to be circulated in advance of the meeting).
11. Clerk's report - to include: any updates on projects/initiatives; correspondence received by the council which is of relevance to members; advance notice of events/activities etc; minutes of the meetings of committees held since the last meeting of the council (those being: Planning and Community Infrastructure Committee meetings held on 6 and 20 July and 3 August 2020; the Staffing Committee meeting held on 6 July 2020; the Wisbech Castle Management Committee meeting held on 20 July 2020).
12. Date of next meeting - to agree a date for the next meeting of Wisbech Town Council.

Members of the Town Council: Councillors Balsevics (Chairman/Mayor), Hill, Miss Hoy, Human, Ketteringham, Lynn (Vice-Chairman/Deputy Mayor), Maul, Meekins, Oliver, Patrick, Mrs Pehlivanova, Prest, Rackley, Tibbs, Tierney, Topgood, Mrs Wallwork and Wing.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T Jordan'.

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Exclusion of the public from meetings for confidential items of business

To exclude the public (including the press) from a meeting of the Council, it is necessary for the following proposition to be moved and adopted "that, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public be excluded from the meeting for item number(s), which involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) as indicated"

Notes on members' interests

Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

- (1) Members are required to declare any disclosable pecuniary interest and, unless the member has obtained a dispensation, he or she cannot discuss or vote on the matter at the meeting and must leave the room whilst the matter is being debated or voted on.
- (2) A member has a disclosable pecuniary interest if it
 - (a) relates to him or her, or
 - (b) is an interest of -
 - (i) the member's spouse or civil partner; or
 - (ii) a person with whom the member is living as husband and wife; or
 - (iii) a person with whom the member is living as if civil partners and the member is aware that the other person has the interest.
- (3) Disclosable pecuniary interests include -
 - (a) any employment or profession carried out for profit or gain;
 - (b) any financial benefit received by the member in respect of expenses incurred carrying out his or her duties as a member (except from the Council);
 - (c) any current contracts with the Council;
 - (d) any beneficial interest in land/property within the Council's area;
 - (e) any licence for a month or longer to occupy land in the Council's area;
 - (f) any tenancy where the Council is landlord and the member (or person in (2)(b) above) has a beneficial interest;
 - (g) a beneficial interest (above the specified level) in the shares of any body which has a place of business or land in the Council's area.

Other Interests

- (4) If a member has a non-disclosable pecuniary interest or a non-pecuniary interest, he or she is required to declare that interest but may remain and participate in discussion and voting.
- (5) A member has a non-disclosable pecuniary interest or a non-pecuniary interest where -
 - (a) a decision in relation to the business being considered might reasonably be regarded as affecting the well-being or financial standing of the member or a member of his or her family or a person with whom the member has a close association to a greater extent than it would affect the majority of the council tax payers, rate payers or inhabitants of the ward or electoral area for which the member has been elected or otherwise of the authority's administrative area, or
 - (b) it relates to or is likely to affect any of the descriptions referred to above but in respect of a member of the councillor's family (other than specified in (2)(b) above) or a person with whom the member has a close association and that interest is not a disclosable pecuniary interest.