

Wisbech Town Council



WISBECH TOWN COUNCIL

14 December 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. Members of the public will be able to view the meeting live on the Wisbech Town Council You Tube channel. 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 stand for one minute's silence to remember people who died during 2020
2. To receive members' apologies for absence.
3. Open Forum/Public participation – Clerk to report.
4. Vacancy in the membership of Wisbech Town Council – the Clerk to report formally the resignation of Mr P Wing, on 2 October 2020, from membership of the council and that the Returning Officer at Fenland District Council had, having given the necessary Notice of Vacancy, received the 10 signatures necessary for holding an election to fill the current vacancy in the Octavia Hill Ward of Wisbech Town Council.

The election to fill the vacancy will take place on 6 May 2021.
5. Committees of the council – to consider filling the vacancy on the Assets Management Committee caused by the councillor resignation mentioned at agenda item number 4.
6. 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).
7. Fenland District Council - to receive information in relation to District Council activities relevant to Wisbech, including:
 - (1) an update on that council's proposals to widen some pathways and install additional play equipment within Wisbech Park;
 - (2) the opportunity to submit a response to that council's consultation exercise in relation to its draft Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy for the period 2021 to 2026. (information from the District Council has already been circulated to members).

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8. Cambridgeshire County Council - to receive information in relation to County Council activities relevant to Wisbech.
9. To confirm, for signature by the Chairman when possible, the minutes of the meeting of Wisbech Town Council held on 7 September 2020 (attached).
10. Motion to Council: Call for Police action.

Councillor Miss Hoy to propose:

“Wisbech Town Council notes that in recent months and years that there has been an increase in both the fear of anti-social behaviour and the experiencing of anti-social behaviour in the town, most specifically in the centre of the town.

Councillors have received increasing reports of concern regarding large groups of youths and other people gathering and engaging in anti-social behaviour.

There is a real feeling that this matter is not given the gravity it deserves in respect of local policing.

Shoplifting has become rife in the town's shops, which is having a detrimental impact upon local businesses.

The social and economic costs of anti-social behaviour and shoplifting are extremely damaging to the town, its businesses and its residents.

Wisbech Town Council resolves that it will

- (1) write to both the Chief Constable and the Police and Crime Commissioner regarding this matter;
 - (2) request that a plan, to prevent the rise in anti-social behaviour and shoplifting in Wisbech, be drawn-up and put into action by the Police;
 - (3) request the Police to report back to Wisbech Town Council, on a quarterly basis, detailing their plan and showing the level of its success, with a view to seeing significant action and positive results in the short-term.
11. Wisbech Anti-incinerator Working Party – Chairman of the working party to update members on its activities to date and proposals for delivering a campaign of opposition to a proposed incinerator for Wisbech.
 12. Growing Fenland bids – to receive an update on the situation with regards to bids for projects in Wisbech and to consider Wisbech Town Council agreeing to underwrite the potential revenue costs (estimated at £1,500 per annum) of the bid in respect of a water play facility at Wisbech Park.
 13. Delegated powers – further to minute 39/20, 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.
 14. 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

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meetings of committees held since the last meeting of the council (those being: Planning and Community Infrastructure Committee meetings held on 7 and 21 September, 5 and 19 October, 2, 16 and 30 November 2020).

15. 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 and Mrs Wallwork (plus one vacancy).

Agenda issued and published (on 8 December 2020) by:

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.