

Wisbech Town Council



WISBECH TOWN COUNCIL

28 January 2019 – 7.30 pm – Council Chamber, Wisbech Town Hall

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

Members of the public and press are welcome to attend the meeting.

Guests are requested to take their seats in the Council Chamber by 7.20 pm. Councillors will line-up in the Mayor's parlour ready to process to their seats at 7.30 pm.

AGENDA

1. To receive members' apologies for absence.
2. 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).
3. Freedom of the Town of Wisbech – further to minute 68/18, to consider conferring upon Wisbech in Bloom 2018 and the Vivien Fire Engine Trust the Honorary Freedom of the Town of Wisbech.

Section 249 (5) of the Local Government Act 1972, amended by Section 180 of the Local Government Planning and Land Act 1980, permits councils to give the title of Honorary Freemen to "persons of distinction and any persons (or groups) who (which) have, in the opinion of the council, rendered eminent services to the Borough (or Town)". The freedom is an honour to recognise the significant and valuable services rendered to the Borough (or Town) by that person (or group).

A resolution passed by not less than two-thirds of the members voting at a specially convened meeting of the council is required to admit the Honorary Freemen.

Procedure (in summary)

(1) Wisbech in Bloom 2018

- A member of Wisbech Town Council to propose that the Mayor and other Councillors of the Town of Wisbech do hereby confer upon Wisbech in Bloom 2018 the Honorary Freedom of the Town of Wisbech as an act of gratitude for the group's services to the Town and in recognition of the high esteem in which it is held by the community of Wisbech.
- The Mayor to seek a seconder for the proposal and then put the resolution to the council.
- The Mayor to invite those in favour of the proposal to vote through a show of hands.

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(2) The Vivien Fire Engine Trust

- A member of Wisbech Town Council to propose that the Mayor and other Councillors of the Town of Wisbech do hereby confer upon the Vivien Fire Engine Trust the Honorary Freedom of the Town of Wisbech as an act of gratitude for its services to the town and in recognition of the high esteem in which it is held by the community of Wisbech.
- The Mayor to seek a seconder for the proposal and then put the resolution to the council.
- The Mayor to invite those in favour of the proposal to vote through a show of hands.

Following completion of the formal ceremony, the Mayor shall close the meeting and invite all those present to remain for refreshments.

Members of the Town Council: Councillors Balsevics, Miss Cobb, Mrs Cox, Hill (Vice-Chairman/Mayor), Hodgson, Miss Hoy, Human (Chairman/Mayor), Lynn, Mrs MacRae, Maul, Oliver, Miss Oliver, Prest, Rackley, Schooling, Tibbs, Tierney and Wing.

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

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NOTES:

The Council Chamber is situated on the first floor of the Town Hall and access is available via a stair-lift if required. However, if wheelchair access is required, please contact the office, on 01945 461333, so that the necessary arrangements (the installation of temporary ramping) can be made.

Members of the public, representatives of the press and councillors may film, audio-record, take photographs and use social media to report on meetings as they take place and the council shall make reasonable provision for this to happen. Those who wish to report on meetings in this way are advised to contact the Town Clerk in advance of the meeting so that any arrangements, if necessary, can be made. Further information regarding the situation is displayed on a notice at the entrance to the Council Chamber and in the guidance below.

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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.