WANTAGE TOWN COUNCIL

Council Offices,
Portway,
Wantage, OX12 9BX.

WPF   13 May 2020

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am instructed by the Town Mayor, Councillor Major J Sibbald, to convene a meeting of the Wantage Town Council on Monday 18 May 2020, at 7.30 p.m.

Due to Government advice on social distancing and changes to legislation permitting council meetings to be held using electronic means, this meeting is being held remotely and online via Zoom. Members of the Press and Public are welcome to observe Council Meetings. Details of how to obtain access to the meeting are shown at the bottom of the agenda.

Yours faithfully,

W.P. Falkenau
Town Clerk/Treasurer

To: All members of the Council.

BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED

Apologies for absence.

Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.

Statements and questions from the public.

1.   To consider recent legislation changes which remove the requirement to hold an Annual Council Meeting in May and provides for existing appointments to continue in place until the next annual meeting of the council or until such time as the council may determine. It is proposed not to hold an annual council meeting, for the time being, and therefore the current Town Mayor and other appointments will remain in place until such time as the council may determine otherwise.

2.   To note adoption of Zoom as principal software for conducting online meetings and the potential need to purchase dedicated equipment for use by councillors to facilitate their participation. To confirm that the proceedings of meetings be recorded and the recording retained.

3.   To confirm accuracy of record of decisions made by the Town Council by email over the period of 21 to 24 March 2020.

4.   To approve payment of grants for 2020/21.

5.   To note comments to planning applications agreed by the Planning Committee by email on 30 March, 15 April and 11 May 2020.

6.   To consider proposal to waive market trader tolls for the months of April and May 2020.

7.   To consider response to the Vale of White Horse District Council call for potential development sites for inclusion in the Local Plan 2041.

8.   Other Business.

Please note that an electronic recording of the meeting will be made.

<u>Statements and Questions from members of the public</u>

There is an agenda item at the beginning of each meeting "Statements and questions from the public". This is an opportunity for members of the public to personally raise with the Council points of issue or concern. Advance notice must be given. A guide on the rules and procedures relating to this is available from the website www.wantagetowncouncil.gov.uk

Please note that during the COVID-19 crisis, all correspondence with the Council should be by email to wantageclerk@gmail.com.

Meeting joining details for members of the public:

The Council meeting will commence at 7.30 pm. Access to the meeting environment will be from 7.20 pm. To ensure you have access from the beginning of the meeting, it is recommended that members of the public should commence the process to join the meeting from 7.15 pm.

You do not need to register but may have to download the Zoom application to join the meeting - just click on one of the links and follow the instructions.

Before joining the meeting please make sure you have your computer audio on.

Please follow the link below to join the Council meeting:

https://zoom.us/j/94940015503 (Zoom application)

https://zoom.us/wc/join/94940015503 (Using Browser)

Or iPhone one-tap :
United Kingdom: +443300885830,,94940015503# or +441314601196,,94940015503#

Or Telephone:
Dial (for higher quality, dial a number based on your current location):

United Kingdom: +44 330 088 5830 or +44 131 460 1196 or +44 203 481 5237 or +44 203 481 5240 or +44 208 080 6591 or +44 208 080 6592

Webinar ID: 949 4001 5503

There is a helpful video tutorial on joining a Zoom meeting:
https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193Joining-a-Meeting

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