

WANTAGE TOWN COUNCIL

Council Offices,
Portway,
Wantage, OX12 9BX.

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28 April 2021

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 3 May 2021, at 7.30 p.m. The 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 and to approve deferment of receipt of the declaration of acceptance of office for anyone absent who has been unable to make the declaration prior to the meeting.

Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.

Statements and questions from the public.

1. Election of Town Mayor.
2. Declaration of Acceptance of Office by the Town Mayor.
3. Election of Deputy Town Mayor.
4. Appointment of Standing Committees, sub-committees and election of Committee Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen.
 - (a) Planning Committee
 - (b) Leisure and Amenities Committee
 - (c) Promotion, Communication and Events Committee
 - (d) Policy, Management and Finance Committee
 - (e) Health sub-committee
 - (f) Staffing sub-committee
 - (g) Climate Emergency sub-committee
5. Appointment of members on joint committees:-
 - (a) Wantage and Grove Traffic Advisory Committee (4)
6. Appointment of representatives on other bodies:-
 - (a) Vale and Downland Museum (Wantage) – Trustee (1)
 - (b) Letcombe Brook Project (2)
 - (c) Vale Community Impact (Independent Advice Centre) (1)
 - (d) Parish transport representative (1)
 - (e) Executive Committee of Wantage, Grove and District Twinning Association (1)
 - (f) Dickensian Evening Working Party (3)
 - (g) Friends of Sweatbox (1)
 - (h) Wantage and Grove Community Led Children's Services (1)
 - (i) Trustee of Robert Stiles Almshouse (1)
7. Appointment of Town Mayor's Cadets.

8. To approve payment of grants for 2021/2022.
9. To approve signatories for bank mandate (normally Town Mayor, Deputy Town Mayor, Committee Chairmen and Town Clerk)..
10. To approve and sign minutes of the Council meeting held on 29 March 2021, and consider matters arising.
11. HOSC meeting follow up – To consider seeking the reopening of the Community Hospital inpatient beds through legal processes.
12. To consider request from Bear Hotel to remove bench and bin from VC Forecourt, during the Coronavirus crisis, and extend area of VC Forecourt covered by its tables (bench and bin to be reinstated when crisis ends)
13. To declare that an emergency situation exists, where the Town Council is unable to conduct its business through meetings due to the Coronavirus restrictions being in place and the conducting of meetings online not being permissible, Section 26 of Standing Orders “Emergency Consultation Panel” (see below) will apply until the emergency is over.

“26. *Emergency Consultation Panel*

In circumstances where the Town Council is unable to conduct its business through meetings due to a national emergency, or a similar situation, standing orders shall be suspended and the Clerk, as the Council's Proper Officer and Responsible Financial Officer shall be given delegated authority to make decisions on the Council's behalf, subject to the agreement of an Emergency Consultation Panel (EPC). The members of the EPC shall be the Town Mayor and the chairmen of the standing committees. The Clerk will be guided by the views of a majority of the EPC. During the period in which these circumstances pertain, the Clerk will have the same authority level as the Council itself.”

Statements and Questions from members of the public

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 clerk@wantagetowncouncil.gov.uk

Meeting joining details for members of the public:

The meeting will commence at 7.30 pm. Access to the meeting environment will be from 7.20 pm.

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

Please follow the link below to join the meeting.

<https://wantgetc-gov-uk.zoom.us/>
