

Parish of HIGHAM FERRERS

NOTICE OF MEETING OF COMMITTEE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT –

A Meeting of the Environment and Recreation Committee will be held at the **TOWN HALL, MARKET SQUARE, HIGHAM FERRERS** on **TUESDAY** the **TWELFTH** day of **NOVEMBER 2019** at **7.30pm** in the evening.

The meeting will be open to the public unless the Council otherwise direct.

AGENDA

1. **APOLOGIES**
To receive and accept apologies for absence.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
To receive Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Other Interests and the nature of those interests relating to items on the agenda.
3. **MINUTES**
To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held 10th September 2019.
4. **PUBLIC FORUM**
To allow any member of the public to address the meeting upon individual items listed on the agenda for a period of not longer than three minutes.
5. **TREE PLANTING**
 - 5.1. To receive a presentation from Richard Gell, Parish Tree Warden.
 - 5.2. To consider whether the Town Council actively engage with local schools and other organisations within the town to plant new and replace old trees in Higham Ferrers. This is to improve the area and help with climate change.
6. **CEMETERY FEE REVIEW FOR 2020/21**
To review the cemetery fees for 2020/21.
7. **FEES REVIEW FOR 2020/21**
To review the following fees:-
 - (i) Sport clubs and facility fees
 - (ii) Casual hire of Tennis Courts and MUGA
 - (iii) School use of facilities
 - (iv) Pavilion hire
 - (v) Hire of Castle Fields for fairs etc.
8. **CLIMATE CHANGE**
 - 8.1. To consider the issue of climate change and what action Council may take to help protect the environment.
 - 8.2. To agree a response to correspondence received regarding climate change.
9. **NIGHTINGALE WAY RECREATION AREA**

- 9.1. To consider whether to paint some of the new play equipment
- 9.2. To consider whether to undertake extra tree/hedge planting on the Nightingale Way Recreation Ground.
- 9.3. To consider possible solutions to the issue of dogs off lead.
- 9.4. To consider whether to install a dog waste bin.
- 9.5. To agree a response to the complaint about the play area.

10. **BIN STORAGE ON COUNCIL LAND AT MALLARD CLOSE**
To agree what action to take regarding a resident's bin storage that has been erected on Council land.

11. **MAIN GATE TO CASTLE FIELDS**
To consider whether to incur expenditure on replacement or refurbishment of the main gates to Castle Fields.

12. **SURFACING TO THE TODDLER SWING SET, SAFFRON ROAD RECREATION GROUND**
To consider works to the wetpour area of the toddler swing set at Saffron Road Recreation Ground.

13. **5-A-SIDE PITCH, SAFFRON ROAD RECREATION GROUND**
To consider maintenance options for the 5 a side pitch at Saffron Road Recreation Ground.

14. **OPEN FIRE AT SCRAPYARD, NEAR A6 IRTHLINGBOROUGH BRIDGE**
To consider the following motion from Cllr P Tomas:-
To consider the open fires at the scrapyard.

15. **CLERK'S REPORT**
To receive and note the report from the Clerk.

16. **PARISH PATHS WARDEN REPORT**
To receive and note the report from the Parish Paths Warden, Marion Darnell.

17. **CLOSURE OF MEETING TO PUBLIC AND PRESS**
To resolve that in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and by reason of the confidential nature of the following items of business, the Press and the Public be excluded from the meeting.

18. **PURCHASE OF BURIAL PLOTS AT THE CEMETERY**
To consider a special circumstance regarding the purchase of burial plots.

19. **RE-OPEN THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**
To resolve that the confidential business having been concluded, the Press and Public be re-admitted to the meeting.

20. **ITEMS TO REPORT**
An opportunity for Members of the Committee to report items and to request future agenda items. No decisions can be made under this item.

21. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
15th January 2019.

Mrs S J Mitcham BA (Hons), FILCM
Town Clerk
Date: 6th November 2019.

The Public and Press are welcome to attend the meeting. Under the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 members of the public are permitted to photograph, film, broadcast and report on the meeting, subject to the efficient running of the business and the meeting not being disrupted.

NOTE:

THE COUNCIL CHAMBER IS ON THE FIRST FLOOR. A STAIR LIFT IS AVAILABLE. IF YOU WISH TO USE THE STAIRLIFT WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD CONTACT US IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS AND ENSURE SUFFICIENT TIME IS AVAILABLE FOR ITS USE PRIOR TO THE START OF THE MEETING.