

**Parish of HIGHAM FERRERS
NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT –
An Extraordinary Meeting of the Town Council will be held at the
Via Zoom on the
ELEVENTH day of JANUARY 2021 at 7pm.

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

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83766369112?pwd=andSSzRoN0xHNG1leDtdE5pTGFIUT09>

Meeting ID: 837 6636 9112

Passcode: 307434

Dial by your location

+44 203 481 5240 United Kingdom

+44 203 901 7895 United Kingdom

+44 131 460 1196 United Kingdom

+44 203 051 2874 United Kingdom

+44 203 481 5237 United Kingdom

Meeting ID: 837 6636 9112

Passcode: 307434

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. **PUBLIC FORUM (15 minutes)**
To allow any member of the public to address the meeting for a period of no longer than three minutes each.
4. **PLANNING APPLICATION - RUSHDEN EAST SUE**
To agree a response to the following planning application:-

20/01453/OUT Outline Planning Application for a Sustainable Urban Extension, comprising residential development of up to 2,200 dwellings (Class C3), residential institution (Class C2), up to 110,000 square metres of employment development (Classes B2 (General Industrial), B8 (Storage and Distribution), E(comprising Office, Research and Development of Products or Processes and Industrial Processes)), two local centres, two primary schools, one secondary school, details of the principal accesses from A6 /John Clark Way roundabout and Newton Road, secondary vehicular and non-vehicular accesses, public open space including Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace, cemetery, allotments, noise mitigation features, drainage, primary sub-station utilities apparatus and associated engineering works, demolition of existing buildings, earthworks and ground remodelling (All Matters reserved except Access)

at Rushden East Urban Extension Liberty Way Rushden Northamptonshire
<https://publicaccess.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=QJDTAGGO0HW00>

5. **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

To receive and adopt the minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee held on the 8th December 2020.

Recommendations

(i) **GRANT APPLICATIONS 2021/22**

St Marys Church – Bedehouse

- That an immediate grant is given of £600 towards items to make the building COVID secure and so it can plan to reopen.
- That £1000 be approved for a grant in 2021-22 towards Bede House improvements. The grant to be paid out once the works have a start date.

Higham Ferrers Bowls Club.

That a grant of £1750 be awarded, as the club had a healthy bank balance due to recovery of COVID grants in 2020 this was less than requested..

(ii) **RUSHDEN-HIGHAM LINK**

That the Council agree to continue the subsidy in 2021/22 with a budget of £6200.

(iii) **BUDGETS 2021/22**

That the draft budgets as circulated be approved following the amendments to grant figures of £2250, due to less being agreed than requested.

(iv) **PRECEPT 2021/22**

That the precept be set at £445,000 for 2021/22. An increase of £5000. This equated to £1.73 pa for a Band D property on the current council tax base.

6. **COUNCILLOR EMPOWERMENT FUNDS**

- 6.1. To agree to purchase 2 seats and fund the balance not covered by a Councillor Empowerment Grant.
- 6.2. To agree in principle to an interpretation panel in the Market Square showing the heritage trail.

SJ Mitcham

Mrs S J Mitcham BA (Hons), FILCM
Town Clerk
Date: 29th December 2020.

C Reavey

Mrs C REavey
Mayor

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.