

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT –
A Meeting of the Town Council will be held at the
TOWN HALL, MARKET SQUARE, HIGHAM FERRERS on the
THIRTIETH day of JULY 2019 at 7.30pm.

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 on the 25th June 2019.
4. **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.
5. **MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS**
To receive a verbal report from the Mayor.
6. **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**
To receive and note the Town Clerks Report.
7. **QUESTIONS**
An opportunity for Councillors to ask questions pursuant to standing order 9.
(Questions must relate to business of the Town Council and not be related to items of business on the agenda. Every question shall be put and answered without discussion.)
8. **REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OTHER BODIES**
To receive reports from Councillors on meetings they have attended as representatives to other bodies.
9. **REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR**
An opportunity for Council to receive written reports from the Ward District Councillors and the County Councillor.
10. **FINANCE**
 - 10.1. To approve accounts for payment as at 30th July 2019.
 - 10.2. To approve the bank account reconciliation as at 30th Jun2019.
 - 10.3. To receive and note the budget report as at 30th June 2019.
 - 10.4. To approve the following expenditure:-
 - (i) Half page advert in the Rushden Reporter for the next 6 months, £180 per month.

- (ii) Annual service of the stairlift, extended warranty £435 per year or annual service less parts and call out £95 per year.
- (iii) 5 & 5A College Street fire doors, budget to allow two fire doors to be replaced.
- (iv) Replacement Mayoral Hats - £434.50 each

11. **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

To receive and adopt the minutes of the following committees: -

11.1. Planning and Development Committee held on the 16th July 2019.

Environment and Recreation Committee held on the 16th July 2019.

11.2. **Recommendations**

- (i) **Sports Pavilion Deep Clean**
That a deep clean of the sports pavilion be undertaken at a cost of £495.
- (ii) **Signage for Stanwick Road Town Green**
That a sign be purchased and placed at the entrance to the Town Green at a cost of £228 plus installation. That the wording of the sign be amended to read 'Higham Ferrers Town Green, Stanwick Road'.
- (iii) **Fencing to Fitzwilliam Leys Play Area**
That the fence to Fitzwilliam Leys Play Area be replaced with galvanised playsafe specification bow top fencing with an agreed budget for the works of £7,995 to include in built hydro self-closing gates.

12. **PLANNING APPLICATION**

To consider a response to the following planning application:-

19/01092/FUL: Hybrid application comprising: A full application for the erection of retail units, restaurant units, office floorspace, physiotherapy/leisure floorspace, ancillary storage floorspace, (with associated site clearance, earthworks, site levelling and formation of banks) together with proposals for access, footpaths, parking and servicing space, hard and soft landscaping, drainage works, attenuation ponds and other associated works and an outline application for the erection of employment units with some matters reserved (layout, scale, appearance). Plus construction of a new link road between Ditchford Road and Rushden Lakes (with associated site clearance and earthworks) alongside junction works, footpaths, cycleways, lighting, hard and soft landscaping and associated works (Resubmission of 18/01197/FUL), Land West Of Rushden Lakes, Ditchford Lane, Rushden

13. **5G AND LED STREETLIGHTS**

To consider whether to take any action in response to the correspondence on 5G and LED streetlights.

14. **LGPS POOLING ARRANGEMENTS**

To agree a response to the consultation on pooling arrangements for the Local Government Pension Scheme.

15. **SUMMER READING CHALLENGE**

To agree to submit a Member Empowerment Fund application to cover the cost of extra activities for the Summer Reading Challenge.

16. **TWINNING VISIT**

To report on the recent Twinning visit and suggest ideas for the 30th Anniversary in 2020 and the visit to Higham Ferrers in 2021.

17. **VALLEY OF HOPE BBQ**
To consider Valley of Hopes request to hold a BBQ for their congregation on Saffron Road Recreation Ground.
18. **COMMITTEE AND WORKING PARTY MEMBERSHIP AMENDMENTS**
To amend the Committee and Working Party membership.
19. **CHARTER EVENTS WORKING PARTY**
 - 19.1 To receive and note the minutes of the Charter Events Working Party held on the 24th June 2019.
 - 19.2. To receive and note the minutes of the Charter Events Working Party held on the 22nd July 2019.
 - 19.3. To receive and note an update on the progress of the project, Carol Fitzgerald, Chair of the Charter Working Group.
20. **ITEMS TO REPORT**
An opportunity for Councillors to report items and to request future agenda items. No decisions can be made under this item.

Mrs S J Mitcham BA (Hons), FILCM
Town Clerk
Date: 24th July 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.