

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
EIGHTEENTH day of DECEMBER 2018 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 27th November 2018.
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 18th December 2018.
 - 10.2. To approve the bank account reconciliation as at 30th November 2018.

11. **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

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

11.1. Planning and Development Committee held on the 11th December 2018.

11.2. Policy and Resources Committee held on the 11th December 2018.

Recommendations

(i) **GRANT APPLICATIONS**

Higham Ferrers Bowls Club

That the Council approve a grant of £3500 for 2019/20.

Higham Ferrers Cricket Club

That the Council defer a decision pending merger of the club with Rushden and submission of revised documents.

Higham Ferrers Tourism

That the Council agree to a grant of £1000 for 2019/20.

(ii) **RUSHDEN-HIGHAM LINK**

That the Council agree to continue the subsidy in 2019/20 with a budget of £5832.

(iii) **BUDGETS 2019/20**

That the Council approve the draft budgets for 2019/20.

(iv) **PRECEPT 2019/20**

That the precept be set at £420,000 for 2019/20.

(v) **5 & 5A COLLEGE STREET**

That the Council incur expenditure on an updated valuation of the property.

12. **PLANNING**

To consider a response to planning application:-

18/01933/FUL: Construction of single storey annexe to the rear of the existing building together with refurbishment of church building and insertion of new first floor with stairs and lifting platform at the Methodist Church, High Street, Higham Ferrers.

13. **TEXTILE RECYCLING BANK**

To consider the provision of a textile recycling bank and to put forward ideas for a possible location.

14. **CAMPAIGN GROUPS AT EVENTS**

To consider the email from Councillor P Tomas regarding the 'Cluck Off' campaign group at Town Council events and to agree a response.

15. **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.

16. **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING**

To receive and adopt the minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting held on the 30th November 2018.

17. **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.

18. **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: 12th December 2018.

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 STAIR LIFT 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.