

**Parish of HIGHAM FERRERS
NOTICE OF 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 **THIRTY FIRST day of JANUARY 2017**
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 20th December 2016.
4. **POLICING**
To discuss policing matters and exchange information with representatives of the police.
5. **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.
6. **MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS**
To receive a verbal report from the Mayor.
7. **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**
To receive and note Town Clerks Report.
8. **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.)
9. **REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OTHER BODIES**
To receive reports from Councillors on meetings they have attended as representatives to other bodies.
10. **FINANCE**
 - 10.1 To approve accounts for payment as at 31st January 2017.
 - 10.2 To approve the bank account reconciliation as at 31th December 2016.
 - 10.3 To receive and note the budget report as at 31st December 2016.
 - 10.4 To approve the following expenditure:-
 - (i) Advert in the Rushden Reporter, £1,080 for 6 months
 - (ii) Legal fees for the first registration of land, £1,000

- (iii) Moss treatment at the tennis Courts/MUGA, £520
- (iv) Senior National Figure, event planning, £500
- 10.5 To ratify expenditure under Clerk's delegated powers.

11. COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

- 11.1 Planning and Development Committee held on 17th January 2017.
- 11.2 Environment and Recreation Committee held on the 17th January 2017.

Recommendation:

That a letter be sent to the Highway Authority asking for the obstruction to be removed from the field side of the footbridge on Public Footpath VC23 adjacent to Fitzwilliam House, Station Road, and that, if necessary, the Town Council use the powers granted to them under the Highways Act 1980 section 130 (6) for its removal.

12. BOWLS CLUB GRANT

To review the requirement for 2 quotes from the Bowls Club for works to the remaining 2 sides of the Green.

13. SPONSORSHIP OF OUTDOOR EVENTS AT CHICHELE COLLEGE

To consider a request from Higham Ferrers Tourism for sponsorship of £1,000 for outdoor events in Chichele College.

14. MILEAGE RATES FOR THE USE OF OWN VEHICLES BY THE PARKS AND OPEN SPACES WARDEN

To agree to pay the Parks and Open Spaces Warden 'Essential User' car allowances with effect from 1st January 2017.

15. FUNDING OF ADDITIONAL PARKING ENFORCEMENT

To consider a report from the Town Clerk on the funding of additional parking enforcement.

16. 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.

17. REQUEST TO PURCHASE LAND ADJACENT MALLARD CLOSE

To receive a report from the Town Clerk on a request from a resident of Mallard Close to purchase a parcel of land alongside their property.

18. RUSHDEN EAST

- 18.1. To receive and note a report from the Town Clerk on the Rushden East Board meeting held on 10th January 2017.

- 18.2 To receive and note a letter of 13th December 2016 from Bidwells.

- 18.3. To consider a letter of 23rd December 2016 from David Oliver, Chief Executive, ENC, seeking views on the establishment of a Stakeholder Group.

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 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: 25th January 2017

NOTE:

THERE IS NO DISABLED ACCESS TO THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON THE FIRST FLOOR.

ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE TO USE A VIDEO LINK.

SEVEN DAYS NOTICE IS REQUIRED TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR AN EXTRA MEMBER OF STAFF TO BE IN ATTENDANCE.