

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
TWENTY-NINTH day of OCTOBER 2019 at 7.30pm.

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

AGENDA

1. **APOLOGIES**
 - 1.1. To receive and accept apologies for absence.
 - 1.2. To approve the absence of Cllr Anna Sauntson from meetings due to ill health until May 2020 (Local Government Act 1972 s.85(1) and (2))
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 24th September 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 CLERK'S REPORT**

To receive and note the Town Clerk's 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 29th October 2019.
 - 10.2. To approve the bank account reconciliation as at 30th September 2019.

- 10.3. To approve the following expenditure: -
- (i) Health and safety inspection and advise with regard to suitability of changing lanterns to LED, 30 street lights, £525.
11. **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**
To receive and adopt the minutes of the following committees: -
- 11.1. Planning and Development Committee held on the 15th October 2019.
- 11.2. Policy and Resources Committee held on the 15th October 2019.
Recommendations
- (i) **REVIEW OF POLICIES**
That the Complaints Procedure, Unreasonable Complainant Behaviour, Investment Strategy, Social Media Policy be reviewed without change.
12. **WEED TREATMENT TO PATHS AND ROADS**
To consider the following motion from Cllr V Paul:-
That the Town Council research the permission and costs for clearing the weeds on the paths and highways on the approaches to Higham Ferrers so that the Town Council can consider funding the work at a future meeting.
13. **RUSHDEN EAST BOARD REPRESENTATION**
To agree a substitute for the Rushden East Board.
14. **CONSULTATION NIGHTINGALE WAY/MALLARD CLOSE PLAY AREA**
To consider whether to undertake further consultation regarding the play area at Nightingale Way/ Mallard Close and if so, what format this should take and the questions to be included.
15. **TREE PLANTING**
To consider the following motion from Cllr B Prigmore
Higham Ferrers 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.
16. **CO-OP BUS STOP LAY BY**
To receive an update on the co-op bus stop lay by.
17. **HIGHAM TIMES**
To agree to set up a working group to review the Higham Times.
18. **CHARTER WORKING PARTY**
To receive and note the minutes of the Charter Working Party held on the 2019.
19. **EVENTS WORKING PARTY**
To receive and note the minutes of the Events Working Party held on the 9th October 2019.
20. **HIGHAM FERRERS TOWN WORKING PARTY**
To receive and note the minutes of the Higham Ferrers Town Working Party held on the 22nd October 2019.
21. **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.

22. **PROTOCOL FOR MARKING THE DEATH OF A SENIOR NATIONAL FIGURE OR LOCAL HOLDER OF HIGH OFFICE**

To approve the Protocol for Marking the Death of a Senior National Figure or Local Holder of High Office.

23. **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.

24. **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: 23rd October 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.