

Ringwood Town Council

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SUMMONS

Dear Member

19th February 2026

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Town Council at the Forest Suite, Ringwood Gateway on 25th February 2026 at 7.00pm.



Mrs C Bennett
Town Clerk

AGENDA

1.* PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There will be an opportunity for public participation for a period of up to 15 minutes at the start of the meeting

2. To receive Apologies for Absence

3. To receive Declarations of Interest

4. POLICE REPORT

To receive a report from Ringwood Police

5. To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting on 28th January 2026

6. To receive Minutes of Committees and approve recommendations contained therein:

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| Recreation, Leisure & Open Spaces | DATE :- 4 th February 2026 |
| Planning, Town & Environment | DATE:- 6 th February 2026 |
| Policy & Finance | DATE:- 18 th February 2026-CANCELLED |

7. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS – MARKET PLACE SCULPTURE

To consider a recommendation from Planning, Town and Environment Committee on 6th February 2026 in relation to commissioning of a sculpture and the suspension of Financial Regulations for this purpose (*Report A – extract of minutes*)

8. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

To determine the time and place of ordinary meetings of the Council up to and including the next annual meeting of the Council (May 2026 – May 2027) (*Report B*)

9. COMMITTEE COMPOSITION

To consider any changes to the composition of council committees, sub-committees, working parties or panels

10.* To receive such communications as the Town Mayor may desire to lay before the Council

11.* To receive Reports from County and District Councillors

12.* To receive Reports from Ringwood Town Councillors

13. Forthcoming Meetings – to note the following dates:

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| Recreation, Leisure & Open Spaces | 7.00pm | Wednesday 4 th March 2026 |
| Planning, Town & Environment | 10.00am | Friday 6 th March 2026 |
| Staffing | 7.00pm | Wednesday 11 th March 2026 |
| Policy & Finance | 7.00pm | Wednesday 18 th March 2026 |
| Full Council | 7.00pm | Wednesday 25 th March 2026 |

14. COMMUNICATIONS

Members to decide on items requiring publicity and to confirm a spokesperson if required

15. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

To consider exclusion of the press and public from the meeting, in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, section 1(2), to transact business for which publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of its confidential nature

16. LEGAL MATTERS

To receive a verbal report from the Town Clerk on legal matters

17. COMMUNITY AWARDS

To consider recommendations and approve those to be recognised with Community Awards

If you would like further information on any of the agenda items, please contact Mrs Charmaine Bennett, Town Clerk, on 01425 484720 or charmaine.bennett@ringwood.gov.uk

Council Members:

Chairman: Cllr Rae Frederick, Town Mayor
Vice-Chairman: Cllr Philip Day, Deputy Mayor
Cllr Andrew Briers
Cllr Luke Dadford
Cllr Ingrid De Bruyn
Cllr Gareth DeBoos
Cllr Mary DeBoos
Cllr Janet Georgiou
Cllr John Haywood
Cllr Peter Kelleher
Cllr James Swyer
Cllr Michael Thierry
Cllr Glenys Turner
Cllr Becci Windsor

Officers:

Charmaine Bennett, Town Clerk
Jo Hurd, Deputy Town Clerk

EXTRACT OF MINUTES FROM PLANNING, TOWN & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
6th February 2026

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PROJECTS (current and proposed)

Thriving Market Place – The Working Party meeting was held on 28th January. NFDC consultants presented work to date on the revised scope looking at the wider area between Gateway Square and the start of West Street, with a continued focus on improving accessibility, safety and the overall sense of arrival into Market Place. Proposals are evolving and a detailed briefing will be provided to all councillors on 25th February, with public consultation being planned for 26th March, where residents and stakeholders will be invited to comment on the emerging designs. It is currently expected that consideration of funding allocation will be taken to NFDC Cabinet in May.

It is still proposed to commission an animal sculpture to be delivered this year ahead of the wider scheme, and to be located in Market Place. The Working Party supported commissioning Priscilla Hann, who sculpted the mare and foal in the Furlong Centre, for continuity of theme, style and quality across the town. Members agreed to recommend to Policy and Finance Committee that approval be given for a deviation from Financial Regulations in respect of this project, to waive the requirement to obtain comparative quotations. This is to enable the commissioning of the sculpture to proceed in a timely manner.

It was noted that NFDC has agreed to release CIL funding allocated to the project in advance of the main scheme coming forward, to allow the sculpture to be commissioned and installed within the current year.

There was some concern about the location of the sculpture (although noted this was still to be agreed); that the design concept may involve the loss of one or two existing trees in Market Place with no re-planting proposed; and with the suggestion that the Jubilee Lamp be brought back in to use as a water fountain, due to operational costs.

Speed Indicator Devices – This project has been added to the project plan. Information is being gathered to inform an implementation plan. The next step is to invite Speedwatch and other organisations to put forward locations for agreement by the Council and Ellingham, Harbridge and Ibsley Parish Council. The chosen devices need to be suitable for the proposed locations.

It was also noted that Speedwatch equipment needs replacing. Once this is costed, funding will be sought. There will then be an opportunity to arrange sessions along Christchurch Road, subject to there being enough volunteers.

RESOLVED: That the update on projects (*Annex D*) be received.

RECOMMENDED to Policy & Finance Committee:

- 1) That Priscilla Hann be commissioned to design and deliver an animal sculpture for installation in Market Place, in order to maintain continuity of theme, style and quality across town centre public art; and
- 2) That approval be given for a waiver of Financial Regulation 5.7, to dispense with the requirement to obtain comparative quotations, in accordance with Financial Regulations 5.11 and 5.12.

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**RINGWOOD TOWN COUNCIL
SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS
MARCH 2026 - MAY 2027**

Note:- RLOS 1st Wed, PTE 1st Fri, P+F 3rd Wed (or 4th where 5 Wed's in the month), FC last Wed.
Staffing committee twice a year (Sept and March usually, plus additional meetings, as required).

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| MARCH 2026 | | |
| 4 | Recreation, Leisure and Open Spaces | 7.00pm |
| 6 | Planning, Town and Environment | 10.00am |
| 11 | Staffing | 7.00pm |
| 18 | Policy & Finance | 7.00pm |
| 25 | Full Council | 7.00pm |
| APRIL 2026 | | |
| 1 | Recreation, Leisure and Open Spaces | 7.00pm |
| 10 | Planning, Town and Environment | 10.00am |
| 22 | Policy & Finance | 7.00pm |
| 29 | Full Council | 7.00pm |
| MAY 2026 | | |
| 1 | Planning, Town and Environment | 10.00am |
| 6 | Recreation, Leisure and Open Spaces | 7.00pm |
| 13 | ANNUAL TOWN ASSEMBLY | 7.00pm |
| 20 | Policy & Finance | 7.00pm |
| 27 | ANNUAL (COUNCIL) MEETING | 7.00pm |
| JUNE 2026 | | |
| 3 | Recreation, Leisure and Open Spaces | 7.00pm |
| 5 | Planning, Town and Environment | 10.00am |
| 17 | Policy & Finance | 7.00pm |
| 24 | Full Council | 7.00pm |
| JULY 2026 | | |
| 1 | Recreation, Leisure and Open Spaces | 7.00pm |
| 3 | Planning, Town and Environment | 10.00am |
| 22 | Policy & Finance | 7.00pm |
| 29 | Full Council | 7.00pm |
| AUGUST 2026 | | |
| 7 | Planning, Town & Environment | 10.00am |
| SEPTEMBER 2026 | | |
| 2 | Recreation, Leisure and Open Spaces | 7.00pm |
| 4 | Planning, Town and Environment | 10.00am |
| 16 | Staffing | 7.00pm |
| 23 | Policy & Finance | 7.00pm |
| 30 | Full Council | 7.00pm |
| OCTOBER 2026 | | |
| 2 | Planning, Town & Environment | 10.00am |
| 7 | Recreation, Leisure and Open Spaces | 7.00pm |
| 21 | Policy & Finance | 7.00pm |
| 28 | Full Council | 7.00pm |

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| NOVEMBER 2026 | | |
| 4 | Recreation, Leisure and Open Spaces | 7.00pm |
| 6 | Planning, Town and Open Spaces | 10.00am |
| 18 | Policy & Finance | 7.00pm |
| 25 | Full Council | 7.00pm |
| DECEMBER 2026 | | |
| 2 | Recreation, Leisure & Open Spaces | 7.00 pm |
| 4 | Planning, Town & Environment | 10.00am |
| 9 | Policy and Finance | 7.00pm |
| 16 | Full Council | 7.00pm |
| JANUARY 2027 | | |
| 6 | Recreation, Leisure & Open Spaces | 7.00pm |
| 8 | Planning, Town & Environment | 10.00am |
| 20 | Policy & Finance | 7.00pm |
| 27 | Full Council | 7.00pm |
| FEBRUARY 2027 | | |
| 3 | Recreation, Leisure and Open Spaces | 7.00pm |
| 5 | Planning, Town and Environment | 10.00am |
| 17 | Policy & Finance | 7.00pm |
| 24 | Full Council | 7.00pm |
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| 24 | Policy & Finance | 7.00pm |
| 31 | Full Council | 7.00pm |
| APRIL 2027 | | |
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| 7 | Recreation, Leisure and Open Spaces | 7.00pm |
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| 28 | Full Council | 7.00pm |
| MAY 2027 | | |
| 5 | Recreation, Leisure and Open Spaces | 7.00pm |
| 7 | Planning, Town and Environment | 10.00am |
| 12 | ANNUAL TOWN ASSEMBLY | 7.00pm |
| 19 | Policy & Finance | 7.00pm |
| 26 | ANNUAL (COUNCIL) MEETING | 7.00pm |

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