

Ringwood Town Council

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SUMMONS

Dear Member

24th October 2019

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Town Council at the Forest Suite, Ringwood Gateway on 30th October 2019 at 7.00pm.

Mr C Wilkins
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. PRESENTATION OF GRANT AID CHEQUES

5. To receive a report from New Forest West Neighbourhood Policing Team

6. To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting held on 25th September 2019

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

Recreation, Leisure & Open Spaces

DATE :- 2nd October 2019

OS/5915 Events Management

Planning, Town & Environment

DATE:- 4th October 2019

Policy & Finance

DATE:- 16th October 2019

8. CLIMATE EMERGENCY

To consider an amended motion proposed by Cllrs Deboos and O'Reilly as per the formal motion attached at *Annex A*

9. APPROVAL OF STUDENT ADVISORS

To approve Ringwood School's nominations for Student Advisors for 2019-20:-

i) Policy and Finance Committee:- Jonathan Skirton

ii) Recreation, Leisure & Open Spaces Committee:- Alana Morris, Ruth Port, Rhys Phillips

iii) Planning, Town and Environment Committee:- Mia Hart, Isaac Thomson, Alex Christison

10. To receive such communications as the Town Mayor may desire to lay before the Council(Councillors are reminded that no decision taking may take place as a result of this item)
11. To Receive Reports from Ringwood Town Councillors and Student Advisors
(Councillors are reminded that no decision taking may take place as a result of this item)
12. To receive Reports from County and District Councillors(Councillors are reminded that no decision taking may take place as a result of this item)
13. Forthcoming Meetings – to note the following dates:

Planning, Town & Environment	10.00am	Friday 1 st November 2019
Recreation, Leisure & Open Spaces	7.00pm	Wednesday 6 th November 2019
Policy & Finance	7.00pm	Wednesday 20 th November 2019
Full Council	7.00pm	Wednesday 27 th November 2019

If you would like further information on any of the agenda items, please contact Mr Chris Wilkins, Town Clerk, on 01425 484720 or chris.wilkins@ringwood.gov.uk

Council Members:

Chairman: Cllr Tony Ring, Town Mayor
 Vice-Chairman: Cllr Philip Day, Deputy Mayor
 Cllr Andy Briers
 Cllr Gareth Deboos
 Cllr Hilary Edge
 Cllr Christine Ford
 Cllr Rae Frederick
 Cllr John Haywood
 Cllr Jeremy Heron
 Cllr Peter Kelleher
 Cllr Darren Loose
 Cllr Gloria O'Reilly
 Cllr Steve Rippon-Swaine
 Cllr Glenys Turner

Student Advisors:

Notice of Motion

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Declaring a Climate Emergency

To: The Proper Officer

We give notice, pursuant to Standing Order 9 of our intention to move the motion set out below at the meeting of the Town Council on 30th October 2019:

“That Ringwood Town Council note that Hampshire County Council and other Parish/Town Councils within the New Forest have declared there to be a climate emergency.

In consequence, the Town Council resolves to:

1. Build on and inform the efforts of the County Council and the District Council to address the issues associated with climate change and to that end will:
2. Establish a Working Party to consider the issues associated with climate change and other impacts on the environment (to be referred to as Ringwood Environmental Action Leadership Working Party (REAL)) which will report to the Town, Planning and Environment Committee in accordance with the draft Terms of Reference set out below.
3. Ensure that in making any decision regarding the activities of the Town Council, due regard will be had to the effect of the decision on the emission of greenhouse gases and other sustainable issues and do what it reasonably can to mitigate these.
4. To include within the agenda of the Town, Planning and Environment Committee a standing item relating to reports from the working party.

The draft Terms of Reference shall be as follows:

The working party shall consist of a maximum of 10 persons, not less than two (but no more than four) of which shall be Ringwood Town Councillors and the remainder to be co-opted from concerned Parishioners.

It shall elect a Chairperson.

The working party will consider the activities of the Town Council in terms of minimising their impact on the environment and make recommendations accordingly. The working party will make recommendations to the Town Council regarding how it might take the lead in promoting initiatives intended to reduce carbon emissions within the Parish and to promote sustainable activities and how to promote the same to Parishioners.

To consider and identify the cost of implementing any initiative identified by the working party.

To report progress to each meeting of the Town, Planning and Environment Committee.

Date: 15th October 2019

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Cllr. G. DeBoos

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Cllr. G. O'Reilly

Report on the New Forest Association of Local Councils (NFALC) meeting

Held at Appletree Court on 17th October 2019.

Cllr John Haywood in attendance

Initial business was two question and answer sessions, one with Glenn Peacey of Hampshire County Council (HCC) Highways and one with Andy Harding of HCC's superfast broadband programme.

Glenn dealt with a variety of questions especially from smaller parishes regarding the repair of roads and verges in the National Park in the face of various constraints placed on materials and road widths etc. Members asked for a possible route of escalation for reporting of highways defects for local councillors that circumvented the standard methods of reporting and recognised that councillors naturally did a degree of triage and prioritisation, but this was said to be impractical.

Andy reported that 94% of New Forest district properties were now on "Fibre to the Cabinet" broadband internet as opposed to 97% in the HCC area. The current focus is on hard-to-access locations e.g. Fritham. There will be a focus on rolling out more "Fibre to the Premises" broadband across the Forest and significant central government funds will be available for this.

The Safer New Forest Partnership - New Forest District Council (NFDC) staff - then introduced themselves and also introduced the new police Chief Inspector for the New Forest, Paul Markham. Paul spoke of the increase in police funding which has allowed for 4 new constables and one Police Community Support Officer to be hired for the district. He encouraged that all crime is reported as he has daily and weekly tasking meetings and the data feeds into those. He mentioned that this crime data has led to resources being moved to Ringwood to counter an increase in non-dwelling thefts - something of which this council is all too well aware. I pointed this out to the meeting and welcomed this.

Barry Rickman (NFDC) gave no update as their only business was on the re-warding which had been dealt with in a separate meeting (see Town Clerk's report).

Steve Avery (New Forest NPA) gave a general update and encouraged submissions of good property development within the park to be nominated for their annual award. The development needs to have taken place over the past three years.

New Website accessibility guidelines, climate change and countryside access/rights of way made up the remaining business. The climate change section focussed on the

Local Government Association's work-book for councillors which contains many good suggestions of implementable policies, and the New Forest Zero Carbon Alliance, which has a meeting in Brockenhurst Village Hall on the evening of the 8th November.