

Godmanchester Town Council

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To: The Town Mayor and Members of Godmanchester Town Council.

You are hereby summoned to attend the meeting of Godmanchester Town Council at Judith's Field Pavilion on Thursday 15th July 2021 at 7.00pm for the purpose of transacting the following business. Members of the public and press are cordially invited to attend.

Vicky Pryce
TOWN CLERK

If any member of the public or press intend to record all or part of the meeting, would they please advise the Town Clerk at the start of the meeting.

AGENDA

To conclude by:

21/101 1 min	TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE	7.01
21/102 2 mins	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: To receive declarations of personal and/or prejudicial interest and the nature of those interests relating to any Agenda item.	7.03
21/103 2 mins	MINUTES: To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 24 th June 2021.	7.05
21/104 10 mins	TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS	7.15
21/105 10 mins	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION: To hear from any member of the public in respect of an item on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest	7.25
21/106 15 mins	CASUAL VACANCY: To hear from applicants reasons for applying for vacancy	7.40
21/107 5 mins	OUTSTANDING ACTIONS To receive a report and note progress on outstanding matters	7.45
21/108 5 mins	CORRESPONDENCE: To consider items of correspondence received	7.50
	PROPERTY PORTFOLIO MATTERS	
21/109 10 mins	PROPERTY REPORT: To receive a verbal report and consider recommendations (Cllr Radford)	8.00
	BUSINESS & FINANCE PORTFOLIO MATTERS	

21/110 10 mins	FINANCIAL AND ACCOUNTS: 21/110.1 To approve the list of payments for July. 21/110.2 To note receipt of salary information, petty cash reconciliation to 30 th June, monthly budget report on the year to date, monthly bank reconciliation	8.10
21/111 10 mins	BUSINESS REPORT: To receive a report and consider recommendations (Cllr Round)	8.20
	ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO MATTERS	
21/112 10 mins	ENVIRONMENT REPORT: To receive a report and consider recommendations (Cllr Hooker)	8.30
	PLANNING PORTFOLIO MATTERS	
21/113 15 mins	PLANNING: To consider the recommendations of the planning working party in respect of the list of planning applications received. (Cllr G Wilson)	8.45
	PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC: 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 remainder of the business, the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting.	
21/114 20 mins	ENVIRONMENT REPORT: To receive report and recommendations for proposed play equipment at Judith's Field. (Cllr Hooker)	9.05
	PERSONNEL COMMITTEE	
21/115 10 mins	PERSONNEL REPORT To receive a verbal update. (Cllr Worthington)	9.15
21/116 10 mins	CASUAL VACANCY To discuss applicants suitability	9.25
	PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 RE-ADMITTANCE OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC. To resolve that the confidential business having been concluded, the Press and Public be re-admitted to the meeting.	

The next Town Council meeting will be held on **Thursday 19th August** in the Comrades Club, starting at 7.00pm.

Certified as a true copy of the agenda for the meeting held on 15th July 2021.

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TOWN MAYOR

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DATED

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor / Host

Neil Mackie	Godmanchester Charities	08/07/21
Keystone Marketing	Mill Steps Project – Filmed Interview	19/07/21
Mayor of Huntingdon	Huntingdon Town Council Mayor Making	29/07/21
Godmanchester Museum	Celebrating the A14 Finding	31/07/21
St Ives Mayor Charity Golf Day	St Ives Mayor Charity Golf Day	30/08/21
1 st Godmanchester Scout Group	Thank You – Mayor’s Charities Donation	
Royal British Legion	Thank You – Mayor’s Charities Donation	
RAFA Area HQ	Thank You – Mayor’s Charities Donation (phone call)	

ALL

CCC Stephen McGee	Chinese Bridge
GOVT	Ouse Valley Trust Update
Cambs PCC	Virtual Invitation

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning Application No	Location
21/00996/S73	The Island West Of Post Street Godmanchester
21/01457/HHFUL	12 Peate Close

PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE

From	Subject
Seagate Properties	Permissive access to JF from new development on A1198
HDC	Flood Update
DWH/HDC	Litter

TRAFFIC MATTERS

From	Subject
CCC	Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan for Cambridgeshire
Mr Sheppard, West Street	Request for pedestrian crossing on West Street
CCC	Local Highway Initiative

PROS AND CONS OF A PLANNING COMMITTEE

A Planning Committee, like at Huntingdon Town Council, would have delegated powers on all planning and transport matters. All councillors would be invited to attend.

Responding to planning applications and dealing with planning documents, such as Local Plans and Neighbourhood Plan are two of the most important things the council does in-order to influence appropriate development in Godmanchester.

PROS	CONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduces the time taken at full council to consider and make recommendations to HDC on planning applications Enables more frequent meetings to be held if scheduled fortnightly, to meet HDC timescales (instead of Extraordinary Town Council meetings) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires the Town Clerk to attend additional evening meetings, when she is already over-worked Many cllrs will not attend additional formal meetings and so will not be involved in planning decision making May still need to have a planning working party held in private before a public committee meeting, hence not saving time for cllrs If a planning application comes in and requires a recommendation before the next scheduled meeting, an additional meeting may still be needed The Planning Committee will need terms of reference and meetings will have to be quorate (not sure whether that is the same number as for full council – presumably it is?) Additional Planning Committee meetings will need to be booked in a Covid-secure hall, and not held on Zoom (should we decide to continue with remote WP meetings)

A compromise solution is to have an advisory WP which makes recommendations to full Council. On the rare occasions when HDC need a response before full council meets, the WP would have delegated powers to make decisions. While this would enable the council to meet HDC's timetables, it would mean applications are treated differently and many cllrs would choose not to be involved. The WP do not recommend this option.