



## WINCANTON TOWN COUNCIL

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To Councillors: Anderson, Atherton, Shelbourn Barrow (Chairman), Cole, Ellard, Greening, Hix, Old, Power, Ralph, Smith, Thomas, Tudgay (Vice Chairman), Vagg and Walters

### **YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO A FULL COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD IN THE TOWN HALL ON MONDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> AUGUST 2021 AT 7.00PM**

Members are reminded that the Council has a general duty to consider the following matters in the exercise of any of its functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, age and any disability) Crime & Disorder, Health & Safety and Human Rights.

Members are also reminded of their obligations to declare their interest under the Code of Conduct as defined by regulations made under section 30(3) of the Localism Act 2011 and consideration of requests for Grants of Dispensations in respect of Disclosable Pecuniary interests.

Background Papers are available upon request to the Town Clerk at [info@wincantontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:info@wincantontowncouncil.gov.uk)

Stephen Hill  
Town Clerk  
18<sup>th</sup> August 2021

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Before the meeting, the Chair may allow a public session to enable people to ask questions of the Council and make comments, in accordance with Standing Orders 3e and 3h. Questions are directed to Council and should be restricted to matters on the agenda. Members of the public are not to verbally abuse or harass a member of the Council. Questions not answered at this meeting will be answered in writing to the person asking the question or may appear as an agenda item for the next meeting. Members of the public are asked to restrict their comments, and/or questions to three minutes.

# AGENDA

## 1. APOLOGIES

To **RECEIVE** any apologies for absence and to **RESOLVE** to approve any reasons given (LGA 1972 s85 (1)).

## 2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

To **RECEIVE** any Declarations of Interest, including Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) on the agenda under Wincanton Town Councils Code of Conduct (adopted on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2019).

## 3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Background Paper)

Council is asked to **RESOLVE** that the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2021 are approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

<https://wincantontowncouncil.gov.uk/assets/uploads/downloads/meetings/full-council/DRAFT%20FINAL%20PUBLIC%20Minutes%2026th%20July%202021.pdf>

## 4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS (Background Papers)

Council is asked to **NOTE** the minutes of the Planning Committee 10<sup>th</sup> August 2021 and Finance & General Purposes Committee 3 August 2021.

<https://wincantontowncouncil.gov.uk/assets/uploads/downloads/meetings/planning/MINUTES%20PLANNING%20COMMITTEE%20MEETING%2010th%20August%202021.pdf>

<https://wincantontowncouncil.gov.uk/assets/uploads/downloads/meetings/finance/FGP%20minutes%203rd%20August%202021.pdf>

## 5. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS COLIN WINDER AND NICK COLBERT AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR ANNA GROSKOP

## 6. REPORT FROM WINCANTON TOWN COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

## 7. REPORTS FROM WINCANTON TOWN COUNCILLORS WITH SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Council is asked to **NOTE** the report/s from Town Councillors with special responsibilities.

## 8. MEMBER FOR PLANNING COMMITTEE

Following the Town Clerk receiving notification of “standing down” of a Member from the Planning Committee, Council is asked to **RESOLVE** to elect a Member for the Planning Committee.

## 9. SOLAR SITE, SOUTH OF BRAINS FARM, MOOR LANE, WINCANTON

At its meeting 10 August 2021, Planning Committee recommended Support of the Planning Application; Council is asked to **RESOLVE** to approve Support.

Proposed solar farm and associated development, comprising the installation of solar panels, the erection of communications tower/mast, substation, switchgear building, storage/communications/switch room buildings, the provision of inverter/transformer cabins and battery containers, construction of access and stone track, fencing and gates, installation of CCTV cameras, and associated landscaping and biodiversity enhancements.

**Ref: 21/02205/FUL**

Received: Thu 09 Jul 2021

Validated: Thu 22 Jul 2021

**Status: Awaiting decision**

<https://publicaccess.southsomerset.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=QVXN98OWHRT00>

**10. COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND (SOLAR FARM) (Background Papers)**

Council is asked to **RESOLVE** to provide comments upon and elect a Member to sign the Compliance Letter and Deed at a proposed one-off community payment of £10,000.

**11. BUS SERVICE CONSULTATION (Background Paper)**

Council is asked to **RESOLVE** its feedback to the stakeholder engagement from Somerset County Council on the Bus Service Improvement Plan.

**12. CAR PARK COMPENSATION SCHEME (Background Papers)**

Council will **RECEIVE** an update on the Car Park Compensation Scheme with South Somerset District Council (SSDC) including compensation at £24,500 20/21 and description of SSDC delay.

**13. TIC AT THE COMMUNITY OFFICE (TO CLARIFY OFFER)**

Council is asked to **CONSIDER** the Tourist Information Centre offer that the Town Council offers to the public at the Community Office (Town Hall).

**14. COMMUNITY OFFICE OPEN TO PUBLIC**

Following lifting of Covid-19 restrictions, Council is asked to **RESOLVE** that the Community Office be opened to the public.

**15. SINGLE UNITARY COUNCIL**

Council will **RECEIVE** an update on the Secretary of State announcement 21 July 2021, to implement, subject to Parliamentary approval, the proposal for a single unitary council for the whole of the existing administrative county of Somerset.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/proposals-for-locally-led-reorganisation-of-local-government-in-cumbria-north-yorkshire-and-somerset>

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-statements/detail/2021-07-21/hcws234>

**16. DOOR REPAIR AND PLINTH/LAMP INSURANCE CLAIM**

Council will **RECEIVE** an update on the repair of the door to the Town Hall (insured) and insurance claim relating to the Market Place plinth/lamp.

**17. PAYPHONE AT CARRINGTON WAY**

Council will **RECEIVE** an update on BT's removal of the payphone at Carrington Way.

**18. REGENERATION BOARD UPDATE**

Council will **RECEIVE** an update on the Regeneration Board's considerations.

**19. ALLOTMENT AGREEMENT, COSTS AND FEES (Background Papers)**

Following Open Spaces Committee 14 July 2021, information is provided comparing costs and charges; Council is asked to **RESOLVE** to approve the Agreement including setting charges for allotment plots with the licence October 2021.

**20. APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR (Background Paper)**

Following quotation, Council is asked to **RESOLVE** to appoint Lightatouch for Internal Audit 2021/22 at £795.

**21. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE, 3 AUGUST 2021 (Background Papers)**

Council is asked to **RESOLVE** to approve a) the Reserves Policy; b) movement of £14,493 (relating to the car park compensation scheme 2020/21) to the Earmarked Reserve; c) closing of Nat West bank accounts; and d) moved Finance & General Purposes Committee meetings to quarterly.

<https://wincantontowncouncil.gov.uk/assets/uploads/downloads/meetings/finance/FGP%20minutes%203rd%20August%202021.pdf>

**22. FINANCES: JULY 2021 – MONTH 4 (Background Paper)**

Council is asked to **NOTE** the finances for month 4:

- Payments
- Receipts
- Summary of receipts and payments against budget

**23. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Council is asked to **RESOLVE** that pursuant to the provision of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business by reason of the confidential nature of business to be transacted.

**24. WINCANTON RECREATION TRUST (WRT) (Sports Ground) (Background Papers)**

Following decision of Full Council 28 June 2021, Council is asked to **RESOLVE** to approve release £9k Grant based on provision, by the WRT Management Committee and approved by the Trust, of a business & activities plan and activities that the Grant funding will purchase for 2021/22.