

19th January 2022

COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 26TH JANUARY 2022 At 7.15 P.M.

Dear Sir/Madam,

You are summoned to a Meeting of the Council which will be held on **WEDNESDAY, 26TH JANUARY 2022** in attendance at the Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 6QF.

Yours faithfully,

Dan Austin
Town Clerk.

AGENDA

1. NOTICE OF MEETING

Public Notice of the Meeting has been given in accordance with Schedule 12, paragraph 10(2) of the Local Government Act 1972.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence.

3. MEMBERS' DISPENSATION

To consider written requests for dispensations from members who have declared interests under Disclosable or Non-Disclosable Pecuniary Interests – Section 33 of the 2011 Localism Act.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To notify of any items that appear in the agenda in which you may have an interest, including those that have previously been recorded in the Members Register of Interests.

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

To take questions from the public, notice of which has been given in accordance with the appropriate Standing Order.

6. MINUTES

... To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the Council held on the 8th December 2021.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

... To receive any announcements by the Mayor and the Town Clerk.

8. COMMITTEE MINUTES

... To confirm for approval and adoption the reports and recommendations of the undermentioned Committees:

- (a) Special Policy and Resources Committee – 5th January 2022
- (b) Environment Committee – 12th January 2022
- (c) Recreation Committee – 12th January 2022
- (d) Policy and Resources Committee – 19th January 2022

9. COMMITTEE VACANCIES

To consider filling the vacancies on the three main committees following the recent by-elections:-

Environment Committee	4 Vacancies
Recreation Committee	3 Vacancies
Policy and Resources Committee	2 Vacancies

It is also requested that the Council considers filling the vacancy on the Personnel Sub Committee following an expression of interest from Councillor Tony Armstrong.

10. USE OF VILLAGE GREEN BY THE COUNTY PUBLIC HOUSE

... To consider the attached report from the Town Clerk.

11. REQUEST TO PURCHASE LAND AT SCHOOL AYCLIFFE

... To consider the attached report from the Town Clerk.

12. 2022/23 PRECEPT SETTING REPORT

... To consider the attached report from the Finance Manager.

13. BANK MANDATE CHANGE

... To consider the attached report from the Finance Manager.

14. CLIMATE CHANGE - TOWN COUNCIL RESPONSE

... To consider the attached report from the Town Clerk.

15. MEETING PAPERS – POSTAL SERVICE DELAYS

To consider the options available to address the current difficulties with the late delivery of council meeting papers by the Post Office. It is suggested that Members advise the Town Clerk of their preferred option for receiving papers during this temporary period of disruption, from the following options:-

- Have the papers emailed out;
- Pick up the papers up at the Offices
- Have the papers hand delivered by Council Officers

16. OUTSIDE BODIES

To receive reports from representatives on the following Outside Bodies:

- (a) **Youth Council**
Councillors Dorothy Bowman and Phillip Hawkins and the Corporate and Policy Officer.
- (b) **County Durham Association of Local Councils**
Councillors Arun M. Chandran and Ken Robson and the Town Clerk
- (c) **Aycliffe Village Hall Association**
Councillor Neville Jones.
- (d) **Woodham Village Community Association**
Councillors Maureen Shelton and Michael Stead.
- (e) **Great Aycliffe and Middridge Local Councils' Committee**
Councillors Arun M. Chandran and Peter Bergg and the Town Clerk.
- (f) **Larger Local Councils' Forum**
Councillors Arun M. Chandran, Martin Ashcroft and the Town Clerk.
- (g) **Aycliffe and District Bus Preservation Society**
Councillor Ian Gray.
- (h) **Friends of Byerley Park Local Nature Reserve**
Councillor Ian Gray.
- (i) **Friends of Stockton and Darlington Railway**
Councillor Brian Haigh.
- (j) **Western Area Partnership**
Councillors Martin Ashcroft and George Gray.

Any questions or queries on agenda items or reports should be raised with officers before meetings by telephone or email.

Please note that this does not preclude members from asking the question at the meeting if this is important to the debate or decision.