

WOKINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL



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Dear Sir/Madam

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the **WOKINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL** to be held in the **MAIN HALL, TOWN HALL, WOKINGHAM** on **TUESDAY 21st April 2009** at **7.30pm** for the purpose of considering and resolving upon the subjects and matters set out in the Agenda below.

Yours faithfully

K J Abnett
Town Clerk

AGENDA

1. PRAYERS

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

To receive any declaration of interests from Members on the business about to be transacted.

4. MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

To receive and confirm the Minutes of the proceedings of the Council Meeting held on the 3rd February 2009, as a true and correct record (pages 12825 to 12829, copy attached).

5. MATTERS ARISING

6. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

- (a) To receive any communications or announcements from the Mayor.
- (b) To receive the Mayor's list of engagements since the last Council meeting (copy attached).

7. OUTSTANDING MATTERS

8. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OR PUBLIC

To receive any questions from Members of the Council or Public.

9. PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- (a) To receive and adopt the minutes and any recommendations of the Planning & Transportation Committee held on 10th February 2009 (pages 12830 to 12841, copy attached).
- (b) To receive and adopt the minutes and any recommendations of the Planning & Transportation Committee held on 10th March 2009 (pages 12860 to 12863, copy attached).

10. FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- (a) To receive and adopt the minutes and any recommendations of the Finance & General Purposes Committee – Grants held on 24th February 2009 (pages 12842 to 12846, copy attached).
- (b) To receive and adopt the minutes and any recommendations of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 17th March 2009 (pages 12864 to 12870, copy attached).

11. AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

- (a) To receive and adopt the minutes and any recommendations of the Amenities Committee meeting held on 3rd March 2009 (pages 12848 to 12859 copy attached).
- (b) To receive and adopt the minutes and any recommendations of the Extraordinary Amenities Committee meeting held on 31st March 2009 (pages 12884 to 12886 copy attached).

12. CIVIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING - AWARDS

To receive and adopt the minutes and any recommendations of the Civic Advisory Committee meeting held on 12th March 2009 (pages 12877 to 12878, copy attached).

13. MAYORAL SELECTION COMMITTEE

To receive and confirm the Minutes of the proceedings of the Mayoral Selection Committee held on the 24th March 2009, as a true and correct record (pages 12879 to 12880, copy attached).

14. COUNCIL REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES

To receive any reports from Members who represent the Town Council on Outside Bodies.

15. STANDING ORDER 27

To consider the changing of the membership of the Finance & General Purposes Committee from nine to six plus the Chairmen of the Amenities and Planning & Transportation Committees. The Mayor is also an ex-officio member of the said Committee thus giving a total membership of nine (copy attached).

Note: Under Standing Order 38, variations to standing orders, when proposed and seconded, stand adjourned without discussion until the next ordinary Council Meeting (copy attached).

16. WOKINGHAM TOWN TWINNING ASSOCIATION – GRANT

To receive and consider the letter dated 27th March 2009 from Mr B M Davis Chairman of the Wokingham Town Twinning Association (copy attached).

17. AUDIT 2007/2008

- (a) To receive and the Finance & General Purposes Committee's recommendation the External Auditor's certificate and opinion for inclusion and approval by Full Council (copy attached)
- (b) To note the matters not affecting the opinion of the Auditor to which they have drawn attention (copy attached).

18. BUDGETS 2008/2009

- (a) To receive and approve for recommendation to Full Council budget reports which will also show expenditure to 28th February 2009 for the current financial year (copy attached).
- (b) To receive the Budget Notes relating to the above report (copy attached).
- (c) The RFO seeks clarification on a point raised during the debate on Resolution 27046 where: *'Several councillors expressed a view that monies put aside for playground upgrades which had not been spend at the 'year end' should be transferred to an Amenities Special Project Reserve. Councillors showed concern that in view of the present financial climate the Amenities Committee could reconsider and prioritise projects on which to spend the already allocated funds'.*

19. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

In view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, e.g. financial & staffing matters, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and that they are instructed to withdraw.

"In order to comply with the Data Protection Act 1998, all persons attending this meeting are hereby notified that this meeting is being tape-recorded. The purpose of taping is that recordings act as an aide-memoire to assist the clerk in the compilation of minutes. The tapes are held in a secure location and overwritten once it has been resolved that the minutes are a true and correct record."

PART II

20. ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

To receive and adopt the minutes and any recommendations of the Establishment Committee meeting held on 24th March 2009 (pages 12881 to 12883, copy attached).