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9<sup>th</sup> September 2015

## SUMMONS

To all members of Trowbridge Town Council: Councillors: Andrews, Ball, Beaver, Clive Blackmore, Nicola Blackmore, Blakemore, Brice, Bridges, Bryant, Doherty, Coop, Fuller, David Halik, Deborah Halik, Knight, Helen Osborn, Jeff Osborn, Palmen, Payne, Self and Whiffen.

Dear Councillor,

You are hereby summoned to a **Full Council** meeting of Trowbridge Town Council to be held on **Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> September 2015**, at 19.00hrs, in the **Council Chamber, The Civic Centre, St Stephen's Place, Trowbridge**.

Yours faithfully,

Lance Allan  
Town Clerk

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## AGENDA

1. **APOLOGIES**
  - a) **To receive** apologies from those unable to attend.
  - b) **To consider for acceptance** apologies received with reasons for absence.
2. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**
  - a) **To read and approve** as a correct record the Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2015; copies of these Minutes have been circulated and Standing Order 17 provides that they may therefore be taken as read.
  - b) **To report and to note** any matters arising there from.
3. **MINUTES OF COMMITTEES**

**To receive** reports, minutes and recommendations from Committees already circulated, enclosed herewith or to be circulated and **to consider any questions** arising from them.

  - a) **Town Development Committee** meetings held on 11<sup>th</sup> August and 8<sup>th</sup> September 2015  
Questions to **Councillor Bryant**, Chair of the committee.
  - b) **Direct Services Committee** meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2015  
Questions to **Councillor Andrews**, Chair of the committee.
  - c) **Policy & Resources Committee** meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015  
Questions to **Councillor Brice**, Chair of the committee
4. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
  - a) **To receive** Declarations of Interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 in respect of officers and in accordance with the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 in respect of members.

b) **To consider** any Dispensation Requests received by the Town Clerk and not previously considered.

5. **COMMUNICATIONS BY THE MAYOR**

- a) **To receive** a list of events attended (copy attached).  
b) **To consider** any matters of significance to report.

6. **OPEN FORUM**

- a) **To receive any** questions from the public, which may be answered but not debated.  
b) **To receive** a renewal of Fairtrade Town status for Trowbridge certificate from Cllr Steve Oldrieve, Chair of Fairtrade.

7. **POLICE MATTERS**

**To receive** a report from Inspector James Brain (Copy attached).

8. **FOOTPATH DEDICATION – BOUNDARY WALK, TROWBRIDGE**

**To approve** the signing and sealing by the Town Clerk of the public path agreement between Wiltshire Council, Trowbridge Town Council and Doric Development (Bath)Limited to formally dedicate the footpath between Bradley Road and Boundary Walk to the north boundary for the Woodmarsh football ground as a public footpath right of way.

9. **COLLEGE ROAD 20MPH ZONE SIGNS**

**To consider** the following

**RECOMMENDATION** from the Policy & Resources Committee from their meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> September, that the Council is asked to reconsider a funding contribution of £1,000 for signage to implement a 20mph zone on College Road, subject to a decision from Selwood Housing to make a contribution.

10. **NALC SUPER COUNCILS' NETWORK ELECTION**

**To vote for one of the candidates**, standing in the National Association of Local Councils, Super Councils' Network election. The three candidates are:

**Councillor Chris Turrell, Bracknell Town Council (Bracknell Forest UA)**

**Councillor Candy Atherton, Falmouth Town Council (Cornwall UA)**

**Councillor Amanda Dodwell, Leighton-Linslade Council (Mid Bedfordshire UA)**

11. **MILL HOUSE, STALLARD STREET**

**To consider** in principle supporting a request from a member of the public (Neil Ashley) to erect a memorial to a couple of young people who lost their lives there as a result of enemy bombing in WW2 and to support a grant application to the Town Council for the purchase and erection of a commemorative plaque.

**RECOMMENDATION: That the Council supports in principle the erection of a commemorative plaque at Mill House and would consider a grant application in 2016.**

12. **COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW (CGR)**

**To consider:** After many years hard work by the Town Council, other town, city and parish councils and a protracted process undertaken by Wiltshire Council, the CGR Panel of Wiltshire Council has now published its consultation documents.

- For the area including Shore Place they are consulting on the Town Council's proposal to transfer a small number of properties from Wingfield to Trowbridge.
- For the area of Wyke Road they are consulting on two alternative proposals from the Town Council and Hilperton Council.
- For the area of Hilperton Road/Paxcroft Mead they are consulting on alternative proposals from the Town Council and two proposals from Hilperton Parish Council.
- For all other areas including Old Farm (West Ashton Road), Ashton Park Urban Extension and White Horse Business Park, the proposals made by the Town Council are not even being put

forward for consultation at this stage which will inevitably lead to a significant further delay and could result in them being dismissed out of hand without Wiltshire Council having an opportunity to consider them.

If the council concludes that this has the potential to completely ignore the government guidance on Community Governance Reviews, including:

*For example, over time communities may expand with new housing developments. This can often lead to existing parish boundaries becoming anomalous as new houses are built across the boundaries resulting in people being in different parishes from their neighbours.*

And that this also demonstrates a clear failure on the part of Wiltshire Council to conduct this Review in a fair, balanced and honest way to build a better Wiltshire; then the Town Council may wish to consider taking appropriate action to ensure that Wiltshire Council understand these concerns, in conjunction with other communities covered by the review, including; meetings with senior officers and members of Wiltshire Council to discuss these concerns and the possibility of commencing a Judicial Review of the Community Governance Review process.

**RECOMMENDATION: That officers and the Leader take appropriate action to ensure that Wiltshire Council understands concerns relating to the Community Governance Review, in conjunction with other communities covered by the review, including; meetings with senior officers and members of Wiltshire Council to discuss these concerns and consider together the possibility of commencing a Judicial Review of the Community Governance Review process.**

### 13. **ASSET TRANSFER AND DELEGATION OF SERVICES**

**To consider:** In order to build a better Wiltshire it is clear that Wiltshire needs firstly; a strong Unitary Authority prepared to seize opportunities and make the decisions necessary to deliver strategic change, economic prosperity and sustainable communities and secondly; a robust first tier of parish, town and city councils which are willing to take on additional responsibilities, assets and services for their communities. Wiltshire Council has evidently failed to understand this, failed to seize the opportunities of conducting a fair and honest Community Governance Review for Wiltshire to enable communities to grow sustainably, with the capacity to tackle future challenges. Therefore the town council may wish to consider; conducting a review of cooperative activity; including the provision of services and support to Wiltshire Council such as rooms for meetings, the support for and delivery of community area projects and discussions regarding asset transfers including car parking, recreation grounds, sports pitches, play areas and bus shelters.

**OPTIONS: That council either:**

- a). Commences a review of cooperative activity with Wiltshire Council, or;
- b). Notes this matter and reconsiders it at a later date.

### 14. **AREA BOARD**

**To consider:** As the town council has for some time worked cooperatively with Wiltshire Council to provide subsidised rooms in the Civic Centre for meetings of the Community Area Transport Group, Local Youth Network and Area Board ABC meeting and given that Wiltshire Council now appears to have an inability to make the decisions which would enable Trowbridge to progress as a town, in partnership with Wiltshire Council to build a better Wiltshire, then the town council should withdraw from the high level of support it has been providing to the Area Board, and should instead focus on challenging Wiltshire Council to account for its failure to work cooperatively with town councils to build a better Wiltshire.

**OPTIONS: That council either:**

- a). Withdraws from the high level of support it has been providing to the Area Board, or;
- b). Notes this matter and reconsiders it at a later date.

## **15. HOUSING SITE ALLOCATIONS AND CORE STRATEGY**

**To consider:** As the town council has worked cooperatively in partnership with West Wilts District Council and now Wiltshire Council to realise a growing sustainable community which has the potential to build a better Wiltshire and deliver economic prosperity for Wiltshire and that; now Wiltshire Council is singularly failing to ensure that the town can progress strategically at the first tier level of local government, through an unwillingness to progress a Community Governance Review in an appropriate way: Then the town council should firstly reconsider its support for the Strategic Site Allocation at Ashton Park, which; being the responsibility of two independent parish councils with no record of strategic governance for a large population are unlikely to deliver the leadership and decisiveness that such a large development requires, (both parts of which will be significantly larger than some towns in Wiltshire) and therefore will fail to ensure that Trowbridge as a whole can develop sustainably and strategically, and secondly the town council should instead consider an objection to the plan, and also that the town council should withdraw its comments with regard to Housing Site Allocation sites such as the Hilperton Gap, Drynham Lane and the area between North Bradley and the White Horse Business Park, which are located outside the town boundary.

**OPTIONS: That council either:**

- a). **Reconsiders its support for the Strategic Site Allocation at Ashton Park and withdraws its comments with regard to Housing Site Allocations which are located outside the town boundary, or;**
- b). **Notes this matter and reconsiders it at a later date.**

## **16. FRACKING**

**To consider:** As the town council's suggestions for revisions to the town boundary are in the main part being ignored by Wiltshire Council and that this therefore makes it impossible for the Town Council to take the lead in promoting a strategic plan to develop and enhance formal sports pitch provision in the Trowbridge Community Area, contributing to building a better Wiltshire, our existing land interests may be better utilised for other purposes. The Town Council may therefore wish to consider if it should offer the land at Devizes Road, Hilperton, which the town council owns and the land at Woodmarsh, North Bradley, which the town council leases, as sites suitable for fracking license holders to utilise for their investigatory activities and that the Town Council should investigate the commercial potential for this use of these sites.

**OPTIONS: That council either:**

- a). **Reconsiders plans for the future use of its land at Devizes Road, Hilperton and Woodmarsh, North Bradley, or;**
- b). **Notes this matter and reconsiders it at a later date.**

## **17. MEDIA**

**To consider** if the Council should make a press release or social media report regarding any of the issues considered by this meeting.

## **18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**To note** the next meeting, which will be on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at the Council Chamber, The Civic Centre, St Stephen's Place, Trowbridge.