



Sodbury Town Council

19th May 2020

You are hereby summoned to attend the **Full Council Meeting of Sodbury Town Council** to be held **Remotely Via Zoom on Tuesday 26th May 2020 at 19.30** for the purpose of transacting business as prescribed in the Agenda below.

Zoom meeting Link:
Meeting ID: 872 5607 8115
Password: 433643

Cate Davidson
Town Clerk

Agenda

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

A. Public Participation

Members of the public should make the Clerk aware that they wish to address Council in advance of the meeting by email.

Comments will be taken from members of the public for **up to 20 minutes**

180 Standing Orders

To amend Standing Order to include attached supplementary Order to enable the Council to hold remote meetings during the Coronavirus Pandemic in line with The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020

181 Apologies & Chairman's Remark

182 Declarations of Interests & Granting of Dispensations

- DPIs to be received in accordance with the Localism Act 2011
- Written dispensation requests to be received and considered as appropriate

183 To appoint a Chairman for the next Agenda Item

- Due to declarations of interest from the Chairman and Vice they will leave the meeting for the next item
- To elect a Chairman for item 184 only

184 Cotswold Homes Proposals – Trinity Lane

- To note the comments submitted to the Council as circulated with this agenda including the Resolution of this Full Council made on 17th November 2017 in relation to the current development
- To consider and respond to proposals as circulated to all Councillors on 3rd April 2020

- 185 Minutes of Full Council Meeting on 10th March 2020**
- To receive and approve minutes of meeting on 10th March 2020 as attached
 - To approve the signing of such when the Chairman can visit the office
- 186 Finance – Payment of Accounts April & May 2020**
- To receive & approve payment of accounts as presented
 - To approve the renewal of the ALCA subscription of £750.28 – support has been vital during the Pandemic
- 187 To Ratify Urgent Decisions made by the Environment & Leisure Committee**
- To ratify the decision not to proceed with the hanging baskets and floral troughs in 2020 and to not appoint a watering contractor for the same due to the Coronavirus Pandemic
 - To ratify the decision to cancel the 2020 Play Scheme in its usual format but to undertake some day activities if lock-down permits or consider organising activity packs for primary school children living within the Town Council boundary
- 188 Covid-19 – Council Support**
- To note and approve an emergency fund of £1,000 which was set up at the start of the pandemic to support the Yate, Sodbury & Dodington Covid-19 Support Group, the balance of which is £340
 - To consider setting a budget from the 20/21 S137 funds of £4,500 to support the work of groups supporting local people during the pandemic
 - To delegate authority to the Clerk to approve urgent grants within that budget in liaison with the Chairman and Vice Chairman subject to an application being submitted in line with current grant guidelines and a maximum award to be decided
- 189 Council Vacancies – South West Ward**
- To note the resignation of Gill Dyer and David Jeal resulting in two vacancies in the South West Ward
 - To note the official Notice of Vacancy was made on 20th May with an expiry date of 11th June. Should no request for an election be made (which would take place in 2021) then the Council is free to Co-opt – dates to be considered and approved
- 190 Council Meetings**
- To note that all Council meetings will now take place via Zoom until further notice. Committee meetings will be called as business requires.
 - To note the date of the following meetings:
 - Finance & General Purposes Committee – Tuesday 9th June at 19.30
 - Environmental & Leisure Meeting – Tuesday 23rd June at 19.30
 - Full Council Meeting – Tuesday 14th July at 19.30
- 191 Items of Report**
- NB. A Council cannot lawfully decide on any matter, which is not specified in the Summons
- 192 Next Full Council Meeting: 14th July at 19.30 via Zoom**