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To all Town Councillors

22 September 2020

Dear Councillor

A meeting of the Town Council will be held virtually on **Tuesday 29 September 2020** at **7.00pm** when it is proposed to transact the following business.

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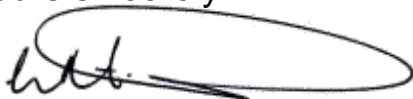
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Yours sincerely



Town Clerk

The meeting is open to the public

AGENDA

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM

Prior to the start of each ordinary Council meeting, there will be an Open Public Forum of up to 45 minutes for electors or residents in the parish of Bridport or adjoining parishes. This will be in two parts:

1. A public discussion on a particular issue of current interest. Items for discussion, which shall be introduced by a councillor, shall be agreed by a previous Council meeting. There will be no time limits on public contributions in this section of the Open Forum. Public contributions are welcome on the following subject:

“Whether the Town Council should embrace virtual meetings after COVID-19, return to physical meetings, or consider a hybrid of the two.”

2. Public questions or statements, primarily in respect of other items on the agenda of the Town Council meeting, but also in the interests of wider public discussion.

Each question/contribution by a member of the public will not exceed three minutes in duration.

1. **APOLOGIES**
To receive apologies for absence submitted by Members.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
To receive any declarations of interest by members.
3. **MINUTES**
To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 16 June 2020 ([copy herewith](#)).
4. **QUESTIONS, IF ANY, PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 14(a and b)**
A member may ask the Leader of the Council or the chairmen of committees or the Town Clerk any question (not more than two in total) concerning the business of the Council, provided at least two days’ notice is given in writing.
5. **COMMITTEES**
To receive and consider the minutes of the following meetings:

a. Planning	22 June 2020	(previously circulated)
b. Planning	27 July 2020	(previously circulated)
c. Planning	7 September 2020	(previously circulated)
d. Planning	28 September 2020	(copy to be circulated)
e. Finance and General Purposes	21 September 2020	(copy herewith)

Including the following recommendations:

(Min No.21)	<u>Financial Estimates 2020/21 – 1st Revision</u>
RECOMMEND:	that the 1st revision of the estimates for the year 2020/21 be approved.

(Min No.23 (i))	<u>External Audit 2019/20</u>
RECOMMEND:	that the report and finding of the external auditor in respect of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2019/2020 be approved.

- f. **Environment and Social Wellbeing** **9 September 2020** [\(copy herewith\)](#)

6. **MOTION ON ANTI-RACISM**

To consider the following motion submitted by Cllrs Sarah Carney and Ros Kayes in accordance with Standing Order 11(a):

Bridport is a rights-respecting town and Bridport Town Council notes with serious concern and distress the recent incidents of police brutality towards black people in America and around the world, and the subsequent Black Lives Matter protests and demonstrations sparked by the death of George Floyd at the hands of police in America on 25 May 2020. Council condemns racism in any form and acknowledges that systemic racism exists within our society. Council further notes the recent government report showing the disproportionate impact of Covid-19 on black, Asian and ethnic minority people.

Council resolves:

- To stand in solidarity with black people in America, the UK and all over the world
- To liaise with local representatives of the Stand up to Racism Dorset movement and the Dorset Race Equality Council in order to explore how we can ensure Council activities are racially inclusive and do not contribute to systemic racism
- To continue to promote our rights-respecting agenda and work with the community and the police in Dorset to ensure that policing and behaviour in Bridport is fair to all residents and visitors and to ensure that everyone enjoys equal respect and protection from prejudice, bias and abuse
- To lobby government for a review of the reasons behind the disproportionate impact of Covid-19 on black, Asian and ethnic minority people and to seriously address the causes of health inequalities, such as the social conditions into which people are born, grow, live, work and age (as defined by the World Health Organisation <https://bit.ly/3hRe3nt>)

7. **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 2020**

To consider a report of the Town Clerk, [ENCL: 3540.](#)

8. **BUDGET WORKING GROUP**

To consider a report of the Town Clerk, [ENCL: 3541.](#)

9. **CHANGES TO THE CURRENT PLANNING SYSTEM**

To consider a draft response (to be tabled at or prior to the meeting).

10. RURAL SERVICES NETWORK – RURAL/MARKET TOWNS GROUP
To consider an invitation to join the group, [ENCL: 3542](#).
11. TOTALLY LOCALLY SHOP
To consider a request for support for a local shopping initiative under development –see <https://www.totallylocally.shop/>. Town Clerk to report.
12. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM
To agree the issue for discussion at the next Open Public Forum at the Council meeting to be held on 17 November 2020.
13. COMMUNICATIONS
To receive such communications as the Town Mayor, [ENCL: 3543](#),
Leader of the Council and the Town Clerk may wish to report to Council.

The next meeting of Bridport Town Council will be on 17 November 2020