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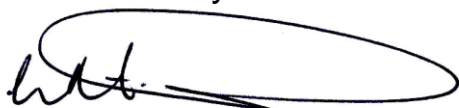
Dear Councillor,

A meeting of the Town Council to be held in virtually on **Tuesday 19 January 2021 at 7.00pm**, when it is proposed to transact the following agenda.

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Yours sincerely



Town Clerk

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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:

- a public discussion on a particular issue of current interest. There will be no time limits on public contributions in this section of the Open Forum. The subject for discussion at this meeting is Local Food.
- public questions or statements, primarily in respect of items on the agenda of the Town Council meeting, but also in the interests of wider public discussion. Each question/contribution under this section 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 from members.
3. MINUTES
To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 17 November 2020 ([copy enclosed](#)).
4. STANDING ORDER 14(b)
Questions, if any, pursuant to Standing Order 14(b).
5. COMMITTEES
To receive and consider the minutes of the following meetings:-
 - a. Planning 23 November 2020 ([previously circulated](#))
 - b. Planning 4 January 2021 ([copy enclosed](#))
 - c. Finance and General Purposes 11 January 2021 ([copy enclosed](#))

Including the following recommendations:

(Min No. 53)
RECOMMEND: [Financial Estimates 2020//21 – 3rd Revision](#)
that the 3rd revision of the estimates for the year 2020/21 be approved.

(Min No.54)
RECOMMEND: [Budget and Estimates 2021/22](#)
(a) that the draft estimates for 2021/22 be approved as set out in Appendix A.
(b) that the proposed fees and charges for 2021/22 be approved as set out in Appendix B.
(c) that the Medium Term Financial Plan be approved as a guide for future years as in Appendix C, noting that each year's budget will be subject to separate approval.
(d) that the draft capital programme and proposed use of reserves for 2021/22 and future years, as set out in section 4 of the report and at Appendix D.
(e) that in terms of the precept, Option 3 be approved, as set out above and in section 12 of the report, which would increase the precept by £10,000 to £728,341 with the annual Band 'D' charge increasing from £238.82 to £242.76, the increase being equivalent to 1.65% or 8p per week.

(Min No. 57)
RECOMMEND: [Review of the Effectiveness of Internal Audit and Appointment of an Internal Auditor for 2021/22](#)
that the existing internal audit arrangements continue for 2021/22.



(Min No. 58)

RECOMMEND:

Risk Assessment and Management: Annual Review

that the Risk Assessment and Management Strategy Policy be approved as tabled.

d. Environment and Social Wellbeing

6 January 2021

(copy enclosed)

Including the following recommendation:

(Min No. 46)

RECOMMEND:

Tree Planting Schemes

that Bridport Town Council accepts liability for the management of trees planted by the residents group at Wellfields Drive/Acer Avenue, subject to agreement with the group and Dorset Council on the appropriate type of trees.

6. ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR, DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR AND LEADER OF THE COUNCIL 2021/2022

In accordance with Standing Order 4(d) (1) all members have been invited to submit nominations for the posts of Town Mayor, Deputy Town Mayor and Leader of the Council. The nominations received will be reported and the Council will be invited to approve its preferred candidates to go forward for election at the Annual Town Council meeting (Mayor Making).

7. MOTION SUBMITTED BY CLLR ROSE ALLWORK

To consider the following motion:

Bridport Town Council notes that the chair of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Reparations Commission has called on Richard Drax, MP for South Dorset, as the recent inheritor of Drax Hall Estate, an historical slave plantation in Barbados, to pay reparation to people of Barbados and Jamaica, where his family were slaveholders for 200 years.

As a Rights Respecting Town, Bridport entirely supports this initiative and considers it a moral duty of all governments, individuals and organisations who historically benefited from the enslavement and genocide of African people in the Caribbean, to engage with CARICOM in their struggle for justice for the victims of slavery and their descendants.

Bridport Town Council calls on Mr Drax to acknowledge, and apologise for, the historical role of his family in the Trans-Atlantic slave trade and to enter into a constructive discussion with CARICOM Reparations Committee on the subject of reparation.

Bridport Town Council further resolves to add our signatures to the open letter drafted by Stand Up to Racism Dorset, calling on Mr Drax to return Drax Hall Estate in Barbados to the people of that nation, for the benefit of Barbadians and the people of the Caribbean region.



8. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM

To agree the issue for discussion at the next Open Public Forum at the Council meeting to be held on 30 March 2021.

9. COMMUNICATIONS

To receive such communications as the Town Mayor, [ENCL: 3584](#), Leader of the Council or the Town Clerk may wish to report.

The next meeting of Bridport Town Council will be on 30 March 2021