

# **FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL**

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Clerk: Sally Thurston



**To: Members of Faringdon Town Council**  
**You are summoned to attend a Town Council meeting to be held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at 7.15pm in the Jubilee Room, the Pump House, Faringdon.**

**Press & Public are invited to attend.**

## **AGENDA**

**1. Apologies for Absence**

**2. Minutes of last meeting**

*To agree and sign as a correct record of the meeting held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2016 (attached)*

**3. Co-option of a Councillor**

*To elect a councillor to fill the vacancy that has arisen following the resignation of Cllr. Alex Meredith.*

**4. Declarations of Interest**

*Members are reminded of their responsibility to declare any disclosable pecuniary interest which they may have in any item of business on the agenda no later than when the item is reached. Unless dispensation is granted, you must withdraw from the room when the meeting discusses and votes on the matter. Please refer to notes in your member's folder.*

**5. Public Question Time**

*Questions will be restricted to one from each member of public, or a maximum of three per meeting. Written notice of questions must be received by the Clerk at least 3 working days before the meeting.*

**6. Public Speaking Time**

*This period is designated for public speaking accordance with Standing Order 1(d). Members of the public are welcome to speak on any business itemised on the agenda for up to 3 minutes.*

**7. Reports from Outside Bodies**

*To receive reports from:*

- a) Thames Valley Police*
- b) Chamber of Commerce*
- c) Town Team*

**8. County Councillor's Report**

*To receive a report from County Cllr. Judith Heathcoat (attached).*

## **9. District Councillors' Report**

*To receive a report from District Cllrs. Roger Cox and Mohinder Kainth (attached).*

## **10. Chairman's Activity Report**

*To receive an activity report from Town Mayor, Cllr. Dr. Mike Wise (to follow).*

## **11. Reports from Committees**

*To receive minutes and reports of the following committee meetings, including decisions taken under delegated authority:*

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| a) | <i>Planning &amp; Highways:</i>   | <i>6<sup>th</sup> December (to follow)</i> |
| b) | <i>Finance and Audit</i>          | <i>23<sup>rd</sup> November (attached)</i> |
| c) | <i>Recreation and Open Spaces</i> | <i>16<sup>th</sup> November (attached)</i> |
| d) | <i>Venues</i>                     | <i>16<sup>th</sup> November (attached)</i> |
| e) | <i>Youth Services</i>             | <i>10<sup>th</sup> November (attached)</i> |

## **12. Clerk's Report & Schedule of Payments**

*To receive and approve the schedule of payments up to and including 14<sup>th</sup> December (to follow).*

## **13. Motion under Notice**

Proposer: Cllr. Steve Leniec

Seconder: Cllr. Al Cane

This Council recognises the vital role that the White Horse Medical centre its doctors and staff play in delivering local health services in the town and wider area. It has become apparent that the service is struggling to keep up with increasing demand with long waits for general and other less urgent appointments. The building designed to cover 12,000 patients now looks after 15,000. It is with dismay that we learn that a bid for NHS funding of £684,000 to improve services and prepare for up to 4000 additional patients previously approved has been withdrawn at the last minute.

Our Neighbourhood plan has policies to address Health and Social care 4.11; however we need to address the issue proactively.

Just as Thames Water have effectively blocked new developments until the sewage works are upgraded no further housing should be built in the town until the Health Centre is upgraded to meet demand.

*It is PROPOSED that Council will oppose any additional housing in the area unless it has significant commuted funds earmarked for the improvement of local health services or until the White Horse Medical centre has been upgraded.*

## **14. Deputy Town Clerk Recruitment**

To receive and consider a recommendation from the Finance and Audit Committee regarding the recruitment of a Deputy Town Clerk.

### **15. Faringdon Neighbourhood Plan**

- a) *To receive an update.*
- b) *To receive and consider letter of engagement from Wellers Hedleys Solicitor regarding advice following as application for Judicial Review against VoWHDC in which Faringdon Town Council are a named interested party (attached).*

### **16. Emergency Plan**

- a) *To consider creating a Faringdon Emergency Plan*
- b) *To consider forming an Emergency Plan working party*
- c) *To elect members and appoint an officer to the Emergency Plan working party*

### **17. Wantage Independent Advice Centre**

- a) *To receive a report from Cllr. Wise following the AGM*
- b) *To elect a Town Council representative to attend WIAC meetings*

### **18. Items for Information Only**

### **19. Correspondence**

*To receive, for information only, correspondence from 9<sup>th</sup> November 2016 up to and including 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016 (available at the meeting).*

*Sally Thurston*

**Date: 9<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

**Sally Thurston  
Town Clerk**