



## Tollesbury Parish Council

Notice is hereby given that the virtual Annual Statutory Meeting of TOLLESBURY PARISH COUNCIL will be held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021, via Zoom commencing at 7.30 pm, to which members of the Council are summoned for the transaction of the under-mentioned business.

*M. Curtis*

Michelle Curtis – Clerk to the Council

27<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Councillors: S Plater (Chairman), T Lowther (Vice-Chairman), M Bell, V Chambers, R Clare, R Cole, S Hawes, R Lankester, S Legg, J Rogers, A St Joseph

**THE PRESS AND PUBLIC ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND**

Photographing, recording, broadcasting, or transmitting the proceedings of a meeting by any means is permitted however the privacy of (i) persons who object to the same and (ii) children and vulnerable adults must be respected by anonymising the identities of such.

**The meeting is virtual and is being held via Zoom. If you wish to attend the meeting, please contact the Clerk who will email you the joining information.**

1. **Election of Chairman**  
To elect a Chairman for the forthcoming year and to receive a signed Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
2. **Election of Vice-Chairman**  
To elect a Vice-Chairman for the forthcoming year.
3. **Cllr Bell - Councillor**  
To receive a letter from Cllr Bell.
4. **Apologies for Absence**  
To receive apologies for absence.



**5. Declaration of Interest**

Members are reminded that they are required to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, Other Pecuniary Interests and Non-Pecuniary Interests which they know they might have in items of business on the agenda. They are reminded that they will need to repeat their declarations at the appropriate point in the meeting and leave the room if required under the Code of Conduct. Unforeseen interests must be declared similarly at the appropriate time.

**6. Public Forum**

Members of the public will be given an opportunity to put forward their question(s) or statement to the Council. The Chairman will at his discretion then decide if he is able to answer the question(s) or proposes to put the item on the agenda for the next meeting.

**7. County Councillor and District Councillors**

To receive information from the County Councillor and District Councillors

**8. Minutes**

To receive and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021 (to follow)

**9. Committees and Representatives**

Election of Committees and Representatives of External Bodies for the forthcoming year.

**10. Terms of Reference**

To review the Terms of Reference for the following Committees:

- 10.1** Environment and Amenity
- 10.2** Recreation Ground
- 10.3** Finance
- 10.4** Woodrolfe Hard
- 10.5** Woodup Pool

To adopt the following Committee Terms of Reference:

- 10.6** Personnel (to follow)

**11. Policies and Procedures**

**11.1** To review the following Policies and Procedures:

- 11.1.1** Standing Orders
- 11.1.2** Financial Regulations
- 11.1.3** Compliments and Complaints

**11.2** To adopt the following Policy:

- 11.2.1** Reserves Policy



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**11.3 Social Media and Email Policy**

Councillors to sign and agree that they have read and understood the Social Media and Email Policy.

**12. Banking Arrangements**

To review Bank Signatories.

**13. Meeting Schedule**

To agree on the dates of Full Parish Council meetings up to and including the next annual meeting of the Parish Council.

**14. Dates of the Next Meetings**

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2021 - Full Council Meeting - 7.30 pm

Agenda items for consideration at the Full Council Meeting to be sent to the Clerk by Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021, at the latest.

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Agenda Item 3

**From:** mike [REDACTED]  
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**Date:** Apr 20, 2021 12:47:15 PM  
**Subject:** TPC meeting 5/5/20 minutes item 6

Dear Michelle

Further to the meeting minutes item 6 of 5th May 2020, I wish to continue my tenure as councillor for the rest of the elective term.

Yours

Mike



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## **Committees and Representatives**

### Committees

Environment and Amenity – 4 Members

Finance – 4 Members

Personnel Committee – 4 Members

Recreation Ground – 4 Members

Woodrolfe Hard – 4 Members

Woodup Pool – 4 Members

### Representatives

Community Policing/Community Protection

Fairways Committee

Mersea Harbour Protection Trust

Taylor's Charity

Tollesbury Wick Management

Transport



## **Environment & Amenity Ground Committee**

### **1. Membership**

- 1.1 Membership shall consist of 4 Council Members appointed at the Annual Parish Meeting.
- 1.2 Members may be co-opted on the basis of their special knowledge or interest.
- 1.3 The Chairman of the Committee shall be elected as per Standing Orders 4d(vii). A Vice-Chairman shall also be appointed.

The Chairman of the meeting may give an original vote on any matter put to the vote and in the case of equal votes may exercise his casting vote whether or not he gave an original vote, voting should be via show of hands.

- 1.4 A quorum shall consist of 3 members of the Committee.

### **2. Meetings**

- 2.1 The calendar of meetings shall be confirmed at the first meeting after the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.
- 2.2 The Environment & Amenity Committee will be convened in accordance with the Parish Council's Standing Orders.
- 2.3 The Agenda will be published in accordance with Standing Order 3b.
- 2.4 Minutes of all meetings will be recorded by the Parish Clerk or by a person nominated by the Clerk and shall be presented electronically at the next full meeting of Tollesbury Parish Council. All Environment & Amenity Committee decisions will be circulated with any recommendations needed for consideration to be put forward at the next Full meeting of Tollesbury Parish Council.
- 2.5 Additional meetings will be arranged as required.



### **3. Areas of responsibility**

- 3.1 To implement decisions and duties of the Tollesbury Parish concerning the Cemetery, Allotments, Woodrolfe Green, Hasler Green, Bus Shelter, Streetlighting, Dog/Litter Bins and Highways including:
- Day to day management and monitoring
  - Health and Safety
  - Inventories
  - Schedule of maintenance
  - Authority for payment for work undertaken
- 3.2 The Committee will propose, cost and obtain estimates for works subject to the approval of Tollesbury Parish Council subject to the annual budget allocation.
- 3.3 The Committee will act within the annual agreed budget. The RFO will provide financial reports to the Full Council monthly.
- 3.4 The Committee is authorised to establish sub-committees and working groups and to appoint volunteers (complying with age-related, GDPR and pecuniary interests) when required to assist in its work.
- 3.5 To consider annual budget requirements for the Environment & Amenity to be submitted to the Finance Committee by no later than December in accordance with Financial Regulations 3.1.
- 3.6 The Environment and Amenity Committee to carry out an inspection at least once a year of the Allotments, Cemetery, Woodrolfe Green and Hasler Green.
- 3.7 The Committee will note and if necessary consider feedback from members of the public who use the opportunity to feedback to the Parish Council via the Contacts Form on the Parish Council website.

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## **Recreation Ground Committee**

### **1. Membership**

- 1.1 Membership shall consist of 4 Council Members appointed at the Annual Statutory Parish Meeting.
- 1.2 Members may be co-opted on the basis of their special knowledge or interest.
- 1.3 The Chairman of the Committee shall be elected as per Standing Orders 4d(vii). A Vice-Chairman shall also be appointed.

The Chairman of the meeting may give an original vote on any matter put to the vote and in the case of equal votes may exercise his casting vote whether or not he gave an original vote, voting should be via show of hands.

- 1.4 A quorum shall consist of 3 members of the Committee.

### **2. Meetings**

- 2.1 The calendar of meetings shall be confirmed at the first meeting after the Annual Statutory Meeting of the Parish Council.
- 2.2 The Recreation Ground Committee will be convened in accordance with the Parish Council's Standing Orders.
- 2.3 The Agenda will be published in accordance with Standing Order 3b.
- 2.4 Minutes of all meetings will be recorded by the Parish Clerk or by a person nominated by the Clerk and shall be presented electronically at the next Full Meeting of Tollesbury Parish Council. All Recreation Ground Committee decisions will be circulated with any recommendations needed for consideration to be put forward at the next Full Meeting of Tollesbury Parish Council.
- 2.5 Additional meetings will be arranged as required.





### **3. Areas of responsibility**

- 3.1 To implement decisions and duties of the Tollesbury Parish concerning the Victory Recreation Ground and Pavilion including:
- Day to day management
  - Health and Safety
  - Inventories
  - Schedule of maintenance
  - Authority for payment for work undertaken
- 3.2 The Recreation Ground Committee will propose, cost and obtain estimates for works subject to the approval of Tollesbury Parish Council subject to the annual budget allocation.
- 3.3 The Recreation Ground Committee will act within the annual agreed budget. The Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) will provide financial reports to the Full Council monthly.
- 3.4 The Committee is authorised to establish sub-committees and working groups and to appoint volunteers (complying with age-related, GDPR and pecuniary interests) when required to assist in its work.
- 3.5 To consider annual budget requirements for the Recreation Ground to be submitted to the Finance Committee by no later than December in accordance with Financial Regulations 3.1.
- 3.6 The Committee will note and if necessary consider feedback from members of the public who use the opportunity to feedback to the Parish Council via the Contacts Form on the Parish Council website.

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## **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

### **Finance Committee**

#### **1. Membership**

1.1 Membership shall consist of 4 Council Members appointed at the Annual Parish Meeting.

1.2 The Chairman of the Committee shall be elected as per Standing Orders 4d(vii). A Vice-Chairman shall also be appointed.

The Chairman of the meeting may give an original vote on any matter put to the vote and in the case of equal votes may exercise his casting vote whether or not he gave an original vote, voting should be via show of hands.

1.3 A quorum shall consist of 3 members of the Committee.

#### **2. Meetings**

2.1 The calendar of meetings shall be confirmed at the first meeting after the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

2.2 The Finance Committee will be convened in accordance with the Parish Council's Standing Orders.

2.3 The Agenda will be published in accordance with Standing Order 3b.

2.4 Minutes of all meetings will be recorded by the Parish Clerk or by a person nominated by the Clerk and shall be presented electronically at the next full meeting of Tollesbury Parish Council. All Finance Committee decisions will be circulated with any recommendations needed for consideration to be put forward at the next Full meeting of Tollesbury Parish Council.

2.5 Additional meetings will be arranged as required.



### **3. Areas of responsibility**

- 3.1 The Committee will monitor the Parish Councils finances and ensure that the Parish Council acts within the annual agreed budget, The RFO will provide financial reports to the Full Council monthly.
- 3.2 The Committee will propose the annual precept for approval of Tollesbury Parish Council.
- 3.3 The Committee will review fees annually when setting the precept for approval of Tollesbury Parish Council.
- 3.4 The Committee will note and if necessary consider feedback from members of the public who use the opportunity to feedback to the Parish Council via the Contacts Form on the Parish Council website.

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## **Woodrolfe Hard Committee**

### **1. Membership**

- 1.1 Membership shall consist of 7 Members appointed at the Annual Parish Meeting. A minimum of 4 should be Parish Councillors.
- 1.2 Members may be co-opted on the basis of their special knowledge or interest.
- 1.3 The Chairman of the Committee shall be elected as per Standing Orders 4d(vii). A Vice-Chairman shall also be appointed.

The Chairman of the meeting may give an original vote on any matter put to the vote and in the case of equal votes may exercise his casting vote whether or not he gave an original vote, voting should be via a show of hands.

- 1.4 A quorum shall consist of any 4 members of the Committee.

### **2. Meetings**

- 2.1 The calendar of meetings shall be confirmed at the first meeting after the Annual Statutory Meeting of the Parish Council.
- 2.2 The Woodrolfe Hard Committee will be convened in accordance with the Parish Council's Standing Orders.
- 2.3 The Agenda will be published in accordance with Standing Order 3b.
- 2.4 Minutes of all meetings will be recorded by the Parish Clerk or by a person nominated by the Clerk and shall be presented electronically at the next Full Meeting of Tollesbury Parish Council. All Woodrolfe Hard Committee decisions will be circulated with any recommendations needed for consideration to be put forward at the next Full Meeting of Tollesbury Parish Council.
- 2.5 Additional meetings will be arranged as required.



### **3. Areas of responsibility**

- 3.1 To implement decisions and duties of the Tollesbury Parish concerning Woodrolfe Hard including the land leased from the Crown Estate:
- Day to day management
  - Health and Safety
  - Inventories
  - Schedule of maintenance
  - Authority for payment for work undertaken
- 3.2 To assist, where possible and suitable, in the development of practical solutions with other parties, subject to the consent of the Parish Council.
- 3.3 The Woodrolfe Hard Committee will propose, cost and obtain estimates for works subject to the approval of Tollesbury Parish Council subject to the annual budget allocation.
- 3.4 The Woodrolfe Hard Committee will act within the annual agreed budget. The Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) will provide financial reports to the Full Council monthly.
- 3.5 The Woodrolfe Hard Committee is authorised to establish working groups and to appoint volunteers (complying with age related, GDPR and pecuniary interests) when required to assist in its work. Subject to approval by the Full Council.
- 3.6 To consider annual budget requirements for Woodrolfe Hard to be submitted to the Finance Committee by no later than December in accordance with Financial Regulations 3.1.
- 3.7 The Committee will note and if necessary consider feedback from members of the public who use the opportunity to feedback to the Parish Council via the Contacts Form on the Parish Council website.



## **Woodup Pool Committee**

### **1. Membership**

- 1.1 Membership shall consist of 4 Council Members appointed at the Annual Statutory Parish Meeting.
- 1.2 Members may be co-opted on the basis of their special knowledge or interest.
- 1.3 The Chairman of the Committee shall be elected as per Standing Orders 4d(vii). A Vice-Chairman shall also be appointed.

The Chairman of the meeting may give an original vote on any matter put to the vote and in the case of equal votes may exercise his casting vote whether or not he gave an original vote, voting should be via show of hands.

- 1.4 A quorum shall consist of 3 members of the Committee.

### **2. Meetings**

- 2.1 The calendar of meetings shall be confirmed at the first meeting after the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.
- 2.2 The Woodup Pool Committee will be convened in accordance with the Parish Council's Standing Orders.
- 2.3 The Agenda will be published in accordance with Standing Order 3b.
- 2.4 Minutes of all meetings will be recorded by the Parish Clerk or by a person nominated by the Clerk and shall be presented electronically at the next Full Meeting of Tollesbury Parish Council. All Woodup Pool Committee decisions will be circulated with any recommendations needed for consideration to be put forward at the next Full Meeting of Tollesbury Parish Council.
- 2.5 Additional meetings will be arranged as required.



### **3. Areas of responsibility**

- 3.1 To implement decisions and duties of the Tollesbury Parish concerning Woodup Pool and the surrounding areas including:
- Day to day management
  - Health and Safety
  - Inventories
  - Schedule of maintenance
  - Authority for payment for work undertaken
- 3.2 The Woodup Pool Committee will propose, cost and obtain estimates for works subject to the approval of Tollesbury Parish Council subject to the annual budget allocation.
- 3.3 The Woodup Pool Committee will act within the annual agreed budget. The Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) will provide financial reports to the Full Council monthly.
- 3.4 The Woodup Pool Committee is authorised to establish sub-committees and working groups and to appoint volunteers (complying with age related, GDPR and pecuniary interests) when required to assist in its work.
- 3.5 To consider annual budget requirements for Woodup Pool to be submitted to the Finance Committee by no later than December in accordance with Financial Regulations 3.1.
- 3.6 The Committee will note and if necessary consider feedback from members of the public who use the opportunity to feedback to the Parish Council via the Contacts Form on the Parish Council website.

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# Standing Orders

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## INTRODUCTION

These model standing orders update the National Association of Local Council (NALC) model standing orders contained in “Local Councils Explained” by Meera Tharmarajah (© 2013 NALC). This publication contains new model standing orders which reference new legislation introduced after 2013 when the last model standing orders were published.

### **HOW TO USE MODEL STANDING ORDERS**

Standing orders are the written rules of a local council. Standing orders are essential to regulate the proceedings of a meeting. A council may also use standing orders to confirm or refer to various internal organisational and administrative arrangements. The standing orders of a council are not the same as the policies of a council but standing orders may refer to them.

Local councils operate within a wide statutory framework. NALC model standing orders incorporate and reference many statutory requirements to which councils are subject. It is not possible for the model standing orders to contain or reference all the statutory or legal requirements which apply to local councils. For example, it is not practical for model standing orders to document all obligations under data protection legislation. The statutory requirements to which a council is subject apply whether or not they are incorporated in a council's standing orders.

The model standing orders do not include model financial regulations. Financial regulations are standing orders to regulate and control the financial affairs and accounting procedures of a local council. The financial regulations, as opposed to the standing orders of a council, include most of the requirements relevant to the council's Responsible Financial Officer. Model financial regulations are available to councils in membership of NALC.



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### **DRAFTING NOTES**

Model standing orders that are in bold type contain legal and statutory requirements. It is recommended that councils adopt them without changing them or their meaning. Model standing orders not in bold are designed to help councils operate effectively but they do not contain statutory requirements so they may be adopted as drafted or amended to suit a council's needs. It is NALC's view that all model standing orders will generally be suitable for councils.

For convenience, the word "councillor" is used in model standing orders, and unless the context suggests otherwise, includes a non-councillor with or without voting rights,



## **1. Rules of debate at meetings**

- a Motions on the agenda shall be considered in the order that they appear unless the order is changed at the discretion of the chairman of the meeting.
- b A motion (including an amendment) shall not be progressed unless it has been moved and seconded.
- c A motion on the agenda that is not moved by its proposer may be treated by the chairman of the meeting as withdrawn.
- d If a motion (including an amendment) has been seconded, it may be withdrawn by the proposer only with the consent of the seconder and the meeting.
- e An amendment is a proposal to remove or add words to a motion. It shall not negate the motion.
- f If an amendment to the original motion is carried, the original motion (as amended) becomes the substantive motion upon which further amendment(s) may be moved.
- g An amendment shall not be considered unless early verbal notice of it is given at the meeting and, if requested by the Chairman of the meeting, is expressed in writing to the Chairman.
- h A councillor may move an amendment to his own motion if agreed by the meeting. If a motion has already been seconded, the amendment shall be with the consent of the seconder and the meeting.
- i If there is more than one amendment to an original or substantive motion, the amendments shall be moved in the order directed by the chairman of the meeting.



- j Subject to standing order 1(k) below, only one amendment shall be moved and debated at a time, the order of which shall be directed by the chairman of the meeting.
- k One or more amendments may be discussed together if the chairman of the meeting considers this expedient but each amendment shall be voted upon separately.
- l A councillor may not move more than one amendment to an original or substantive motion.
- m The mover of an amendment has no right of reply at the end of debate on it.
- n Where a series of amendments to an original motion are carried, the mover of the original motion shall have a right of reply either at the end of debate of the first amendment or at the very end of debate on the final substantive motion immediately before it is put to the vote.
- o Unless permitted by the chairman of the meeting, a councillor may speak once in the debate on a motion except:
  - i. to speak on an amendment moved by another councillor;
  - ii. to move or speak on another amendment if the motion has been amended since he last spoke;
  - iii. to make a point of order;
  - iv. to give a personal explanation; or
  - v. in exercise of a right of reply.
- p During the debate of a motion, a councillor may interrupt only on a point of order or a personal explanation and the councillor who was interrupted shall stop speaking. A Councillor raising a point of order shall identify the standing order which he considers has been breached or specify the other irregularity in the proceedings of the meeting he is concerned by.



- q A point of order shall be decided by the chairman of the meeting and his decision shall be final.
- r When a motion is under debate, no other motion shall be moved except:
  - i. to amend the motion;
  - ii. to proceed to the next business;
  - iii. to adjourn the debate;
  - iv. to put the motion to a vote;
  - v. to ask a person to be no longer heard or to leave the meeting;
  - vi. to refer a motion to a committee or sub-committee for consideration;
  - vii. to exclude the public and press;
  - viii. to adjourn the meeting; or
  - ix. to suspend particular standing order(s) excepting those which reflect mandatory statutory or legal requirements.
- s Before an original or substantive motion is put to the vote, the chairman of the meeting shall be satisfied that the motion has been sufficiently debated and that the mover of the motion under debate has exercised or waived his right of reply.
- t Excluding motions moved under standing order 1(r) above, the contributions or speeches by a councillor shall relate only to the motion under discussion and shall not exceed 5 minutes without the consent of the chairman of the meeting.

## **2. Disorderly conduct at meetings**

- a No person shall obstruct the transaction of business at a meeting or behave offensively or improperly. If this standing order is ignored, the chairman of the meeting shall request such person(s) to moderate or improve their conduct.



- b If person(s) disregard the request of the chairman of the meeting to moderate or improve their conduct, any councillor or the chairman of the meeting may move that the person be no longer heard or excluded from the meeting. The motion, if seconded, shall be put to the vote without discussion.
- c If a resolution made under standing order 2(b) above is ignored, the chairman of the meeting may take further reasonable steps to restore order or to progress the meeting. This may include temporarily suspending or closing the meeting.

### 3. Meetings generally

- Full Council meetings •
- Committee meetings •
- Sub-committee meetings •

- a **Meetings shall not take place in premises which at the time of the meeting are used for the supply of alcohol, unless no other premises are available free of charge or at a reasonable cost.**
- b **The minimum three clear days for notice of a meeting does not include the day on which notice was issued, the day of the meeting, a Sunday, a day of the Christmas break, a day of the Easter break or of a bank holiday or a day appointed for public thanksgiving or mourning.**
- c **The minimum three clear days' public notice for a meeting does not include the day on which the notice was issued or the day of**



**the meeting unless the meeting is convened at shorter notice.**

- d Meetings shall be open to the public unless their presence is prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted or for other special reasons. The public's exclusion from part or all of a meeting shall be by a resolution which shall give reasons for the public's exclusion.**
- e Members of the public may make representations, answer questions and give evidence at a meeting which they are entitled to attend in respect of the business on the agenda.**
- f The period of time designated for public participation at a meeting in accordance with standing order 3(e) above shall not exceed 15 minutes unless directed by the Chairman of the meeting.**
- g Subject to standing order 3(f) above, a member of the public shall not speak for more than 3 minutes.**
- h In accordance with standing order 3(e) above, a question shall not require a response at the meeting nor start a debate on the question. The chairman of the meeting may direct that a written or oral response be given.**
- i A person shall raise his hand when requesting to speak and stand when speaking (except when a person has a disability or is likely to suffer discomfort)]. The chairman of the meeting may at any time permit a person to be seated when speaking.**
- j A person who speaks at a meeting shall direct his comments to the chairman of the meeting.**





- k** Only one person is permitted to speak at a time. If more than one person wants to speak, the chairman of the meeting shall direct the order of speaking.
- l** Subject to standing order 3(m), a person who attends a meeting is permitted to report on the meeting whilst the meeting is open to the public. To “report” means to film, photograph, make an audio recording of meeting proceedings, use any other means for enabling persons not present to see or hear the meeting as it takes place or later or to report or provide oral or written commentary about the meeting so that the report or commentary is available as the meeting takes place or later to persons not present.
- m** A person present at a meeting may not provide an oral report or oral commentary about a meeting as it takes place without permission.
- n** The press shall be provided with reasonable facilities for the taking of their report of all or part of a meeting at which they are entitled to be present.
- o** Subject to standing orders which indicate otherwise, anything authorised or required to be done by, to or before the Chairman of the Council may in his absence be done by, to or before the Vice-Chairman of the Council (if there is one).
- p** The Chairman of the Council, if present, shall preside at a meeting. If the Chairman is absent from a meeting, the Vice-Chairman of the Council (if there is one), if present, shall preside. If both the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman are absent from a meeting, a councillor as chosen by the councillors present at the meeting shall preside at the meeting.



- q **Subject to a meeting being quorate, all questions at a meeting shall be decided by a majority of the councillors and non-councillors with voting rights present and voting.**
- r **The chairman of a meeting may give an original vote on any matter put to the vote, and in the case of an equality of votes may exercise his casting vote whether or not he gave an original vote.**  
*See standing orders 5(i) and (j) below for the different rules that apply in the election of the Chairman of the Council at the annual meeting of the Council.*
- s **Unless standing orders provide otherwise, voting on a question shall be by a show of hands. At the request of a Councillor, the voting on any question shall be recorded so as to show whether each Councillor present and voting gave his vote for or against that question.** Such a request shall be made before moving on to the next item of business on the agenda.
- t **The minutes of a meeting shall include an accurate record of the following:**
  - i. the time and place of the meeting;
  - ii. the names of councillors present and the names of councillors who were absent;
  - iii. interests that have been declared by councillors and non-councillors with voting rights;
  - iv. the grant of dispensations (if any) to councillors and non-councillors with voting rights;
  - v. whether a councillor or non-councillor with voting rights left the meeting when matters that they held interests in were being considered;
  - vi. if there was a public participation session; and
  - vii. the resolutions made.



- u A councillor or a non-councillor with voting rights who has a disclosable pecuniary interest or another interest as set out in the Council's code of conduct in a matter being considered at a meeting is subject to statutory limitations or restrictions under the code on his right to participate and vote on that matter.
- v No business may be transacted at a meeting unless at least one-third of the whole number of members of the Council are present and in no case shall the quorum of a meeting be less than four.  
*See standing order 4d(viii) below for the quorum of a committee or sub-committee meeting.*
- w If a meeting is or becomes inquorate no business shall be transacted and the meeting shall be closed. The business on the agenda for the meeting shall be adjourned to another meeting.
- x A meeting shall not exceed a period of 3 hours, unless these are extenuating circumstances. If the business is not concluded, a date shall be identified for the outstanding business to be discussed.

## 4. Committees and sub-committees

- a Unless the Council determines otherwise, a committee may appoint a sub-committee whose terms of reference and members shall be determined by the committee.
- b The members of a committee may include non-councillors unless it is a committee which regulates and controls the finances of the Council.
- c Unless the Council determines otherwise, all the members of an advisory committee and a sub-committee of the advisory committee may be non-councillors.



- d. The Council may appoint standing committees or other committees as may be necessary, and:
  - i. shall determine their terms of reference;
  - ii. shall determine the number and time of the ordinary meetings of a standing committee up until the date of the next annual meeting of full Council;
  - iii. shall permit a committee, other than in respect of the ordinary meetings of a committee, to determine the number and time of its meetings;
  - iv. shall, subject to standing orders 4(b) and (c) above, appoint and determine the terms of office of members of such a committee;
  - v. may, subject to standing orders 4(b) and (c) above, appoint and determine the terms of office of the substitute members to a committee whose role is to replace the ordinary members at a meeting of a committee if the ordinary members of the committee confirm to the Proper Officer 3 days before the meeting that they are unable to attend;
  - vi. shall, after it has appointed the members of a standing committee, appoint the chairman of the standing committee;
  - vii. shall permit a committee other than a standing committee, to appoint its own chairman at the first meeting of the committee;
  - viii. shall determine the place, notice requirements and quorum for a meeting of a committee and a sub-committee which, in both cases, shall be no less than two;
  - ix. shall determine if the public may participate at a meeting of a committee;
  - x. shall determine if the public and press are permitted to attend the meetings of a sub-committee and also the advance public notice requirements, if any, required for the meetings of a sub-committee;
  - xi. shall determine if the public may participate at a meeting of a sub-committee that they are permitted to attend; and
  - xii. may dissolve a committee or sub-committee



## **5. Ordinary Council meetings**

- a In an election year, the annual meeting of the Council shall be held on or within 14 days following the day on which the new councillors elected take office.**
- b In a year which is not an election year, the annual meeting of a Council shall be held on such day in May as the Council decides.**
- c If no other time is fixed, the annual meeting of the Council shall take place at 6pm.**
- d In addition to the annual meeting of the Council, at least three other ordinary meetings shall be held in each year on such dates and times as the Council decides.**
- e The first business conducted at the annual meeting of the Council shall be the election of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman (if there is one) of the Council.**
- f The Chairman of the Council, unless he has resigned or becomes disqualified, shall continue in office and preside at the annual meeting until his successor is elected at the next annual meeting of the Council.**
- g The Vice-Chairman of the Council, if any, unless he resigns or becomes disqualified, shall hold office until immediately after the election of the Chairman of the Council at the next annual meeting of the Council.**
- h In an election year, if the current Chairman of the Council has not been re-elected as a member of the Council, he shall preside at the annual meeting until a successor Chairman of the Council has been elected. The current Chairman of the Council shall not have an original vote in respect of the**



**election of the new Chairman of the Council but shall give a casting vote in the case of an equality of votes.**

- i In an election year, if the current Chairman of the Council has been re-elected as a member of the Council, he shall preside at the annual meeting until a new Chairman of the Council has been elected. He may exercise an original vote in respect of the election of the new Chairman of the Council and shall give a casting vote in the case of an equality of votes.**
- j Following the election of the Chairman of the Council and Vice-Chairman (if there is one) of the Council at the annual meeting of the Council, the business shall include:**
  - i. In an election year, delivery by the Chairman of the Council and councillors of their acceptance of office forms unless the Council resolves for this to be done at a later date. In a year which is not an election year, delivery by the Chairman of the Council of his acceptance of office form unless the Council resolves for this to be done at a later date;**
  - ii. Confirmation of the accuracy of the minutes of the last meeting of the Council;
  - iii. Receipt of the minutes of the last meeting of a committee;
  - iv. Consideration of the recommendations made by a committee;
  - v. Review of delegation arrangements to committees, sub-committees, staff and other local authorities;
  - vi. Review of the terms of reference for committees;
  - vii. Appointment of members to existing committees;
  - viii. Appointment of any new committees in accordance with standing order 4;
  - ix. Review and adoption of appropriate standing orders and financial regulations;
  - x. Review of arrangements, (including legal agreements) with other local authorities, not-for-profit bodies and business;
  - xi. Review of representation on or work with external bodies and arrangements for reporting back;
  - xii. Review of inventory of land and assets including buildings and office





- equipment;
- xiii. Confirmation of arrangements for insurance cover in respect of all insured risks;
- xiv. Review of the Council's and/or staff subscriptions to other bodies;
- xv. Review of the Council's complaints procedure;
- xvi. Review of the Council's policies, procedures and practices in respect of its obligations under freedom of information and data protection legislation (see also standing order 11, 20 and 21;
- xvii. Review of the Council's policy for dealing with the press/media;
- xviii. Review of the Council's employment policies and procedure;
- xix. Review of the Council's expenditure incurred under s.137 of the Local Government Act.
- xx. Determining the time and place of ordinary meetings of the full Council up to and including the next annual meeting of the Council.

## **6. Extraordinary meetings of the Council and committees and sub-committees**

- a The Chairman of the Council may convene an extraordinary meeting of the Council at any time.**
- b If the Chairman of the Council does not or refuses to call an extraordinary meeting of the Council within seven days of having been requested in writing to do so by two councillors, any two councillors may convene an extraordinary meeting of the Council. The public notice giving the time, place and agenda for such a meeting must be signed by the two councillors.**
- c The chairman of a committee [or a sub-committee] may convene an extraordinary meeting of the committee [or the sub-committee] at any time.



- d If the chairman of a committee [or a sub-committee] does not or refuses to call an extraordinary meeting within 2 days of having been requested by to do so by (2 members of the committee [or the sub-committee], any 2 members of the committee [and the sub-committee] may convene an extraordinary meeting of a committee [and a sub-committee].

## **7. Previous resolutions**

- a A resolution shall not be reversed within six months except either by a special motion, which requires written notice by at least three Councillors to be given to the Proper Officer in accordance with standing order 9, or by a motion moved in pursuance of the recommendation of a committee or a sub-committee.
- b When a motion moved pursuant to standing order 7(a) above has been disposed of, no similar motion may be moved for a further six months.

## **8. Voting on appointments**

- a Where more than two persons have been nominated for a position to be filled by the Council and none of those persons has received an absolute majority of votes in their favour, the name of the person having the least number of votes shall be struck off the list and a fresh vote taken. This process shall continue until a majority of votes is given in favour of one person. A tie in votes may be settled by the casting vote exercisable by the chairman of the meeting.





## **9. Motions for a meeting that require written notice to be given to the Proper Officer**

- a A motion shall relate to the responsibilities of the meeting which it is tabled for and in any event shall relate to the performance of the Council's statutory functions, powers and obligations or an issue which specifically affects the Council's area or its residents.
- b No motion may be moved at a meeting unless it is on the agenda and the mover has given written notice of its wording to the Proper Officer at least seven clear days before the meeting. Clear days do not include the day of the notice or the day of the meeting.
- c The Proper Officer may, before including a motion on the agenda received in accordance with standing order 9(b), correct obvious grammatical or typographical errors in the wording of the motion.
- d If the Proper Officer considers the wording of a motion received in accordance with standing order 9(b) is not clear in meaning, the motion shall be rejected until the mover of the motion resubmits it, so that it can be understood, in writing to the Proper Officer at least seven clear days before the meeting.
- e If the wording or subject of a proposed motion is considered improper, the Proper Officer shall consult with the chairman of the forthcoming meeting or, as the case may be, the councillors who have convened the meeting, to consider whether the motion shall be included in the agenda or rejected.
- f The decision of the Proper Officer as to whether or not to include the motion on the agenda shall be final.



- g Motions received shall be recorded and numbered in the order that they are received.
- h Motions rejected shall be recorded with an explanation by the Proper Officer for their rejection.

## **10. Motions at a meeting that do not require written notice**

- a The following motions may be moved at a meeting without written notice to the Proper Officer;
  - i. to correct an inaccuracy in the draft minutes of a meeting;
  - ii. to move to a vote;
  - iii. to defer consideration of a motion;
  - iv. to refer a motion to a particular committee or sub-committee;
  - v. to appoint a person to preside at a meeting;
  - vi. to change the order of business on the agenda;
  - vii. to proceed to the next business on the agenda;
  - viii. to require a written report;
  - ix. to appoint a committee or sub-committee and their members;
  - x. to extend the time limits for speaking;
  - xi. to exclude the press and public from a meeting in respect of confidential or other information which is prejudicial to the public interest;
  - xii. to not hear further from a councillor or a member of the public;
  - xiii. to exclude a councillor or member of the public for disorderly conduct;
  - xiv. to temporarily suspend the meeting;
  - xv. to suspend a particular standing order (unless it reflects mandatory statutory or legal requirements);
  - xvi. to adjourn the meeting; or
  - xvii. to close a meeting.



## **11. Management of information**

See also standing order 20

- a The Council shall have in place and keep under review, technical and organisational measures (including personal data) which it holds in paper and electronic form. Such arrangements shall include deciding who has access to personal data and encryption of personal data.
- b The Council shall have in place, and keep under review, policies for retention and safe destruction of all information (including personal data) which it holds in paper and electronic form. The Council's retention policy shall confirm the period for which information (including personal data) shall be retained or if this is not possible the criteria used to determine that period (e.g. the Limitation Act 1980).
- c The agenda, papers that support the agenda and the minutes of a meeting shall not disclose or otherwise undermine confidential or personal data without legal justification.
- d Councillors, staff, the Council's contractors and agents shall not disclose confidential or personal data without legal justification.

## **12. Draft minutes**

- a If the draft minutes of a preceding meeting have been served on councillors with the agenda to attend the meeting at which they are due to be approved for accuracy, they shall be taken as read.
- b There shall be no discussion about the draft minutes of a preceding meeting except in relation to their accuracy. A motion to correct an inaccuracy in the draft minutes shall be moved in accordance with



standing order 10(a)(i).

- c The accuracy of draft minutes, including any amendment(s) made to them, shall be confirmed by resolution and shall be signed by the Chairman of the meeting and stand as an accurate record of the meeting to which the minutes relate.
- d If the chairman of the meeting does not consider the minutes to be an accurate record of the meeting to which they relate, he shall sign the minutes and include a paragraph in the following terms or to the same effect:

“The Chairman of this meeting does not believe that the minutes of the meeting of the ( ) held on [date] in respect of ( ) were a correct record but his view was not upheld by the meeting and the minutes are confirmed as an accurate record of the proceedings.”
- e **If the Council’s gross annual income or expenditure (whichever is higher) does not exceed £25,000, it shall publish draft minutes on a website which is publicly accessible and free of charge no later than one month after the meeting has taken place.**
- f Subject to the publication of the draft minutes in accordance with standing order 12 (e) and standing order 20(a) and following a resolution which confirms the accuracy of the minutes of a meeting, the draft minutes or recordings of the meeting for which approved minutes exist shall be destroyed.



## 13. Code of conduct and dispensations

*See also standing order 3(t) above.*

- a All councillors and non-councillors with voting rights shall observe the code of conduct adopted by the Council.
- b Unless he has been granted a dispensation, a councillor or non-councillor with voting rights shall withdraw from a meeting when it is considering a matter in which he has a disclosable pecuniary interest. He may return to the meeting after it has considered the matter in which he had the interest.
- c Unless he has been granted a dispensation, a councillor or non-councillor with voting rights shall withdraw from a meeting when it is considering a matter in which he has another interest if so required by the Council's code of conduct. He may return to the meeting after it has considered the matter in which he had the interest.
- d **Dispensation requests shall be in writing and submitted to the Proper Officer** as soon as possible before the meeting, or failing that, at the start of the meeting for which the dispensation is required.
- e A decision as to whether to grant a dispensation shall be made by a meeting of the Council, or committee or sub-committee for which the dispensation is required and that decision is final.
- f A dispensation request shall confirm:
  - i. the description and the nature of the disclosable pecuniary interest or other interest to which the request for the dispensation relates;
  - ii. whether the dispensation is required to participate at a meeting in a discussion only or a discussion and a vote;
  - iii. the date of the meeting or the period (not exceeding four years) for which the dispensation is sought; and



- iv. an explanation as to why the dispensation is sought.
- g Subject to standing orders 13(d) and (f), dispensations requests shall be considered, at the beginning of the meeting of the Council, or committee or a sub-committee for which the dispensation is required.
- h **A dispensation may be granted in accordance with standing order 13(e) above if having regard to all relevant circumstances the following applies:**
  - i. **without the dispensation the number of persons prohibited from participating in the particular business would be so great a proportion of the meeting transacting the business as to impede the transaction of the business;**
  - ii. **granting the dispensation is in the interests of persons living in the Council's area or**
  - iii. **it is otherwise appropriate to grant a dispensation.**

## 14. Code of conduct complaints

- a Upon notification by the District or County Council that it is dealing with a complaint that a councillor or non-councillor with voting rights has breached the Council's code of conduct, the Proper Officer shall, subject to standing order 11 above, report this to the Council.
- b Where the notification in standing order 14(a) relates to a complaint made by the Proper Officer, the Proper Officer shall notify the Chairman of Council of this fact, and the Chairman shall nominate another staff member to assume the duties of the Proper Officer in relation to the complaint until it has been determined and the Council has agreed what action, if any, to take in accordance with standing order 14(d).
- c The Council may:
  - i. provide information or evidence where such disclosure is



- ii. necessary to investigate the complaint or is a legal requirement;  
seek information relevant to the complaint from the person or body with statutory responsibility for investigation of the matter;
- d **Upon notification by the District or County Council that a councillor or non-councillor with voting rights has breached the Council's code of conduct, the Council shall consider what, if any, action to take against him. Such action excludes disqualification or suspension from office.**

## 15. Proper Officer

- a The Proper Officer shall be either (i) the clerk or (ii) other staff member(s) nominated by the Council to undertake the work of the Proper Officer when the Proper Officer is absent.
- b The Proper Officer shall:
  - i. **at least three clear days before a meeting of the Council, a committee and a sub-committee**
    - **serve on Councillors a summons, by email (where Councillors written consent and confirmation of email address has been obtained. N.B Consent may be withdrawn at any time, confirming the time, place and the agenda provided any such email contains the electronic signature and title of the Proper Officer. When email consent has been withdrawn a paper copy of the summons will be delivered to the registered address if the Councillor.**
    - **Provide in a conspicuous place, public notice of the time, place and agenda (provided that the public notice with agenda of an extraordinary meeting of the Council convened by Councillors is signed by them).**

*See standing order 3(b) for the meaning of clear days for a meeting of a full Council and standing order 3(c) for the meaning of clear days for*



*a meeting of a committee.*

- ii. subject to standing order 9 above, include on the agenda all motions in the order received unless a councillor has given written notice at least seven days before the meeting confirming his withdrawal of it;
- iii. **convene a meeting of the Council for the election of a new Chairman of the Council, occasioned by a casual vacancy in his office;**
- iv. **facilitate inspection of the minute book by local government electors;**
- v. **receive and retain copies of byelaws made by other local authorities;**
- vi. hold acceptance of office forms from councillors;
- vii. hold a copy of every Councillor's register of interests;
- viii. assist with responding to requests made under the freedom of information legislation and rights exercisable under data protection legislation, in accordance with the Council's relevant policies and procedures,
- ix. liaise, as appropriate, with the Council's Data Protection Officer (if there is one);
- x. receive and send general correspondence and notices on behalf of the Council except where there is a resolution to the contrary;
- xi. assist in the organisation of, storage of, access to, security of and destruction of information held by the Council in paper and electronic form subject to the requirements of data protection and freedom of information legislation and other legitimate requirements (e.g. the Limitation Act 1980).
- xii. arrange for legal deeds to be executed;  
*See also standing order 23.*
- xiii. arrange or manage the prompt authorisation, approval, and instruction regarding any payments to be made by the Council in accordance with its financial regulations;
- xiv. record every planning application notified to the Council and the Council's response to the local planning authority in a book for such purpose;
- xv. refer a planning application received by the Council to the Chairman or in his absence the Vice-Chairman (if there is one) of the Council within two working days of receipt to facilitate an extraordinary meeting if the nature of the planning application requires





consideration before the next ordinary meeting of the Council.

- xvi. manage access to information about the Council via the publication scheme; and
- xvii. retain custody of the seal of the Council (if there is one) which shall not be used without a resolution to that effect.

*(See also standing order 23).*

## 16. Responsible Financial Officer

- a The Council shall appoint appropriate staff member(s) to undertake the work of the Responsible Financial Officer when the Responsible Financial Officer is absent.

## 17. Accounts and accounting statements

- a "Proper practices" in standing orders refer to the most recent version of Governance and Accountability for Local Councils – a Practitioners' Guide.
- b All payments by the Council shall be authorised, approved and paid in accordance with the law, proper practices and the Council's financial regulations.
- c The Responsible Financial Officer shall supply to each Councillor as soon as practicable after 30 June, 30 September and 31 December in each year a statement to summarise:
  - i. the Council's receipts and payments (or income and expenditure) for each quarter;
  - ii. the Council's aggregate receipts and payments (or income and expenditure) for the year to date;
  - iii. the balances held at the end of the quarter being reported



and which includes a comparison with the budget for the financial year and highlights any actual or potential overspends.

- d As soon as possible after the financial year end at 31 March, the Responsible Financial Officer shall provide:
  - i. each councillor with a statement summarising the Council's receipts and payments (or income and expenditure) for the last quarter and the year to date for information; and
  - ii. to the Council the accounting statements for the year in the form of Section 2 of the annual governance and accountability return, as required by proper practices, for consideration and approval.
- e The year end accounting statements shall be prepared in accordance with proper practices and applying the form of accounts determined by the Council (receipts and payments, or income and expenditure) for a year to 31 March. A completed draft annual governance and accountability return shall be presented to all councillors at least 14 days prior to anticipated approval by Council. The annual governance and accountability return of the Council, which is subject to external audit, including the annual governance statement, shall be presented to Council for consideration and formal approval before 30 June.

## **18. Financial controls and procurement**

- a The Council shall consider and approve financial regulations drawn up by the Responsible Financial Officer, which shall include detailed arrangements in respect of the following:
  - i. the keeping of accounting records and systems of internal controls;
  - ii. the assessment and management of financial risks faced by the Council;
  - iii. the work of the independent internal auditor in accordance with proper practices and the receipt of regular reports from the internal auditor, which shall be required at least annually;



- iv. the inspection and copying by councillors and local electors of the Council's accounts and/or orders of payments; and
  - v. whether contracts with an estimated value below **£25,000** due to special circumstances are exempt from a tendering process or procurement exercise.
- b Financial regulations shall be reviewed regularly and at least annually for fitness of purpose.
- c **A public contract regulated by the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 with an estimated value in excess of £25,000 but less than the relevant thresholds in standing order 18(f) is subject to Regulations 109-114 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 which include a requirement on the Council to advertise the contract opportunity on the Contract finders website regardless of what other means it uses to advertise the opportunity unless it proposes to use an existing list of approved suppliers (framework agreement)**
- d Subject to additional requirements in the financial regulations of the Council, the tender process for contracts for the supply of goods, materials, services or the execution of works shall include, as a minimum, the following steps:
  - i. a specification for the goods, materials, services or the execution of works shall be drawn up;
  - ii. an invitation to tender shall be drawn up to confirm (i) the Council's specification (ii) the time, date and address for the submission of tenders (iii) the date of the Council's written response to the tender and (iv) the prohibition on prospective contractors contacting councillors or staff to encourage or support their tender outside the prescribed process;
  - iii. the invitation to tender shall be advertised in a local newspaper and in any other manner that is appropriate;
  - iv. tenders are to be submitted in writing in a sealed marked envelope addressed to the Proper Officer;
  - v. tenders shall be opened by the Proper Officer in the presence of at



- least one Councillor after the deadline for submission of tenders has passed;
- vi. tenders are to be reported to and considered by the appropriate meeting of the Council or a committee or sub-committee with delegated responsibility.
- e Neither the Council nor a committee or a sub-committee with delegated responsibility for considering tenders, is bound to accept the lowest value tender.
- f **A public contract regulated by the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 with an estimated value in excess of £181,302, for a public service or supply contract or in excess of £4,551,413 for a public works contract (or other thresholds determined by the European Commission every two years and published in the Official Journal of the European Union OJEU) shall comply with the relevant procurement procedures and other requirements in the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 which include advertising the contract opportunity on the Contract Finders website and in OJEU.**
- g **A public contract in connection with the supply of gas, heat, electricity, drinking water, transport services, or postal services to the public; or the provision of a port or airport; or the exploration for or extraction of gas, oil or solid fuel with an estimated value in excess of £363,424 for a supply, services or design contract; or in excess of £4,551,413 for a works contract; or £820,370 for a social and other specific services contract (or other thresholds determined by the European Commission every two years and published in OJEU) shall comply with the relevant procurement procedures and other requirements in the Utilities Contracts Regulations 2016.**

## 19. Handling staff matters

- a A matter personal to a member of staff that is being considered by a



meeting of Council is subject to standing order 11.

- b Subject to the Council's policy regarding absences from work, the Council's most senior member of staff shall notify the Chairman or, if he is not available, the Vice-Chairman of absence occasioned by illness or other reason and that person shall report such absence at its next meeting.
- c Subject to the Council's policy regarding the handling of grievance matters, the Council's most senior employee (or other employees) shall contact the Chairman, or in his absence, the Vice-Chairman in respect of an informal or formal grievance matter, and this matter shall be reported back and progressed by resolution of Council.
- d Any persons responsible for all or part of the management of staff shall treat as confidential the written records of all meetings relating to their performance, capabilities, grievance or disciplinary matters.
- e In accordance with standing order 11(a), persons with line management responsibilities shall have access to staff records referred to in standing order 19(d).
- f Access and means of access by keys and/or computer passwords to records of employment referred to in standing orders 19(d) and (e) above shall be provided only to the Parish Clerk and the Chairman of the Council.

## 20. Responsibilities to provide information

See also standing order 21

- a **In accordance with freedom of information legislation, the Council shall publish information in accordance with its publication scheme and respond**



to requests for information held by the Council.

- b The Council shall publish information in accordance with the requirements of the Small Authorities (Transparency Requirement) (England) Regulations 2015.**

## **21. Responsibilities under Data Protection Legislation**

- a The Council may appoint a Data Protection Officer**
- b The Council shall have policies and procedures in place to respond to an individual exercising statutory rights concerning his personal data.**
- c The Council shall have a written policy in place for responding to and managing a personal data breach.**
- d The Council shall keep a record of all personal data breaches comprising the facts relating to the personal data breach, its effect and the remedial action taken.**
- e The Council shall ensure that information communicated in its privacy notice(s) is in an easily accessible and available form and kept up to date.**
- f The Council shall maintain a written record of its processing activities.**

## **22. Relations with the press/media**

- a Requests from the press or other media for an oral or written comment or statement from the Council, its Councillors or staff shall be handled in accordance with the Council's policy in respect of dealing with the press and/or other media.**



## 23. Execution and sealing of legal deeds

*See also standing orders 15(b)(xii) and (xvii) above.*

- a A legal deed shall not be executed on behalf of the Council unless authorised by a resolution.
- b **Subject to standing order 23(a) above, any two Councillors may sign, on behalf of the Council, any deed required by law and the Proper Officer shall witness their signatures.**

## 24. Communicating with District and County Councillors

- a An invitation to attend a meeting of the Council shall be sent, together with the agenda, to the ward Councillor(s) of the District and County Council representing the area of the Council.
- b Unless the Council determines otherwise, a copy of each letter sent to the District and County Council shall be sent to the ward Councillor(s) representing the area of the Council.

## 25. Restrictions on Councillor activities

- a Unless authorised by a resolution, no Councillor shall:
  - i inspect any land and/or premises which the Council has a right or duty



- to inspect; or
- ii. issue orders, instructions or directions.

## 26. Standing orders generally

- a All or part of a standing order, except one that incorporates mandatory statutory or legal requirements, may be suspended by resolution in relation to the consideration of an item on the agenda for a meeting.
- b A motion to add to or vary or revoke one or more of the Council's standing orders, except one that incorporates mandatory statutory or legal requirements, shall be proposed by a special motion, the written notice by at least two Councillors to be given to the Proper Officer in accordance with standing order 9.
- c The Proper Officer shall provide a copy of the Council's standing orders to a councillor as soon as possible.
- d The decision of the chairman of a meeting as to the application of standing orders at the meeting shall be final.

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# **FINANCIAL REGULATIONS**

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These Financial Regulations were reviewed by Tollesbury Parish Council at its Meeting held on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2020

## **1. GENERAL**

- 1.1. These financial regulations govern the conduct of financial management by the council and may only be amended or varied by resolution of the council. Financial regulations are one of the council's three governing policy documents providing procedural guidance for members and officers. Financial regulations must be observed in conjunction with the council's standing orders<sup>1</sup> and any individual financial regulations relating to contracts.
- 1.2. The council is responsible in law for ensuring that its financial management is adequate and effective and that the council has a sound system of internal control which facilitates the effective exercise of the council's functions, including arrangements for the management of risk.
- 1.3. The council's accounting control systems must include measures:
  - for the timely production of accounts;
  - that provide for the safe and efficient safeguarding of public money;
  - to prevent and detect inaccuracy and fraud; and
  - identifying the duties of officers.
- 1.4. These financial regulations demonstrate how the council meets these responsibilities and requirements.
- 1.5. At least once a year, prior to approving the Annual Governance Statement, the council must review the effectiveness of its system of internal control which shall be in accordance with proper practices.
- 1.6. Deliberate or wilful breach of these Regulations by an employee may give rise to disciplinary proceedings.

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<sup>1</sup> Model standing orders for Councils (2018 Edition) is available from NALC (©NALC 2018)



- 1.7. Members of council are expected to follow the instructions within these Regulations and not to entice employees to breach them. Failure to follow instructions within these Regulations brings the office of councillor into disrepute.
- 1.8. The Clerk has been appointed as RFO for this council and these regulations will apply accordingly.
- 1.9. The RFO;
  - acts under the policy direction of the council;
  - administers the council's financial affairs in accordance with all Acts, Regulations and proper practices;
  - determines on behalf of the council its accounting records and accounting control systems;
  - ensures the accounting control systems are observed;
  - maintains the accounting records of the council up to date in accordance with proper practices;
  - assists the council to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in the use of its resources; and
  - produces financial management information as required by the council.
- 1.10. The accounting records determined by the RFO shall be sufficient to show and explain the council's transactions and to enable the RFO to ensure that any income and expenditure account and statement of balances, or record of receipts and payments and additional information, as the case may be, or management information prepared for the council from time to time comply with the Accounts and Audit Regulations.
- 1.11. The accounting records determined by the RFO shall in particular contain:
  - entries from day to day of all sums of money received and expended by the council and the matters to which the income and expenditure or receipts and payments account relate;
  - a record of the assets and liabilities of the council; and



- wherever relevant, a record of the council's income and expenditure in relation to claims made, or to be made, for any contribution, grant or subsidy.
- 1.12. The accounting control systems determined by the RFO shall include:
- procedures to ensure that the financial transactions of the council are recorded as soon as reasonably practicable and as accurately and reasonably as possible;
  - procedures to enable the prevention and detection of inaccuracies and fraud and the ability to reconstruct any lost records;
  - identification of the duties of officers dealing with financial transactions and division of responsibilities of those officers in relation to significant transactions;
  - procedures to ensure that uncollectable amounts, including any bad debts are not submitted to the council for approval to be written off except with the approval of the RFO and that the approvals are shown in the accounting records; and
  - measures to ensure that risk is properly managed.
- 1.13. The council is not empowered by these Regulations or otherwise to delegate certain specified decisions. In particular any decision regarding:
- setting the final budget or the precept (council tax requirement);
  - approving accounting statements;
  - approving an annual governance statement;
  - borrowing;
  - writing off bad debts;
  - declaring eligibility for the General Power of Competence; and
  - addressing recommendations in any report from the internal or external auditors, shall be a matter for the full council only.
- 1.14. In addition, the council must:



- determine and keep under regular review the bank mandate for all council bank accounts;
- approve any grant or a single commitment in excess of £2,000; and
- in respect of the annual salary for any employee have regard to recommendations about annual salaries of employees made by the relevant committee in accordance with its terms of reference.

- 1.15. In these financial regulations, references to the Accounts and Audit Regulations or 'the regulations' shall mean the regulations issued under the provisions of section 27 of the Audit Commission Act 1998, or any superseding legislation, and then in force unless otherwise specified.

In these financial regulations the term 'proper practice' or 'proper practices' shall refer to guidance issued in *Governance and Accountability for Local Councils – a Practitioners' Guide (England)* issued by the Joint Practitioners Advisory Group (JPAG), available from the websites of NALC and the Society for Local Council Clerks (SLCC).

## **2. ACCOUNTING AND AUDIT (INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL)**

- 2.1. All accounting procedures and financial records of the council shall be determined by the RFO in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations, appropriate guidance and proper practices.
- 2.2. The RFO shall complete the annual statement of accounts, annual report, and any related documents of the council contained in the Annual Return (as specified in proper practices) as soon as practicable after the end of the financial year and having certified the accounts shall submit them and report thereon to the council within the timescales set by the Accounts and Audit Regulations.
- 2.3. The council shall ensure that there is an adequate and effective system of internal audit of its accounting records, and of its system of internal control in accordance with proper practices. Any officer or member of the council shall make available such documents and records as appear to the council to be necessary for the purpose of the audit and shall, as directed by the



council, supply the RFO, internal auditor, or external auditor with such information and explanation as the council considers necessary for that purpose.

- 2.4. The internal auditor shall be appointed by and shall carry out the work in relation to internal controls required by the council in accordance with proper practices.
- 2.5. The internal auditor shall:
  - be competent and independent of the financial operations of the council;
  - report to council in writing, or in person, on a regular basis with a minimum of one annual written report during each financial year;
  - to demonstrate competence, objectivity and independence, be free from any actual or perceived conflicts of interest, including those arising from family relationships; and
  - have no involvement in the financial decision making, management or control of the council.
- 2.6. Internal or external auditors may not under any circumstances:
  - perform any operational duties for the council;
  - initiate or approve accounting transactions; or
  - direct the activities of any council employee, except to the extent that such employees have been appropriately assigned to assist the internal auditor.
- 2.7. For the avoidance of doubt, in relation to internal audit the terms 'independent' and 'independence' shall have the same meaning as is described in proper practices.
- 2.8. The RFO shall make arrangements for the exercise of electors' rights in relation to the accounts including the opportunity to inspect the accounts, books, and vouchers and display or publish any notices and statements of account required by Audit Commission Act 1998, or any superseding legislation, and the Accounts and Audit Regulations.



- 2.9. The RFO shall, without undue delay, bring to the attention of all councillors any correspondence or report from internal or external auditors.
- 2.10. Annual Return, including Notice of Audit, Conclusion of Audit and Annual Internal Auditors Report to be published onto the Parish Council website.

### **3. ANNUAL ESTIMATES (BUDGET) AND FORWARD PLANNING**

- 3.1. Each committee (if any) shall formulate and submit proposals to the Finance Committee in respect of revenue and capital costs for the following financial year not later than December.
- 3.2. The RFO must each year, by no later than December, prepare detailed estimates of all receipts and payments including the use of reserves and all sources of funding for the following financial year in the form of a budget to be considered by the Finance Committee and the council.
- 3.3. The council shall fix the precept (council tax requirement), and relevant basic amount of council tax to be levied for the ensuing financial year not later than by the end of January each year. The RFO shall issue the precept to the billing authority and shall supply each member with a copy of the approved annual budget.
- 3.4. The approved annual budget shall form the basis of financial control for the ensuing year.

### **4. BUDGETARY CONTROL AND AUTHORITY TO SPEND**

- 4.1. Expenditure on revenue items may be authorised up to the amounts included for that class of expenditure in the approved budget. This authority is to be determined by:
  - the council for all items over £2,000;
  - a duly delegated committee of the council for items over £500; or





- the Clerk, in conjunction with Chairman of Council or Chairman of the appropriate committee, for any items below £500.

Such authority is to be evidenced by a Minute or by an authorisation slip duly signed by the Clerk, and where necessary also by the appropriate Chairman.

Contracts may not be disaggregated to avoid controls imposed by these regulations.

- 4.2. No expenditure may be authorised that will exceed the amount provided in the revenue budget for that class of expenditure other than by resolution of the council, or duly delegated committee. During the budget year and with the approval of council having considered fully the implications for public services, unspent and available amounts may be moved to other budget headings or to an earmarked reserve as appropriate ('virement').
- 4.3. Unspent provisions in the revenue or capital budgets for completed projects shall not be carried forward to a subsequent year.
- 4.4. The salary budgets are to be reviewed at least annually in December for the following financial year and such review shall be evidenced by a hard copy schedule signed by the Clerk and the Chairman of Council or relevant committee. The RFO will inform committees of any changes impacting on their budget requirement for the coming year in good time.
- 4.5. In cases of extreme risk to the delivery of council services, the clerk may authorise revenue expenditure on behalf of the council which in the clerk's judgement it is necessary to carry out. Such expenditure includes repair, replacement or other work, whether or not there is any budgetary provision for the expenditure, subject to a limit of £1000. The Clerk shall report such action to the chairman as soon as possible and to the council as soon as practicable thereafter.
- 4.6. No expenditure shall be authorised in relation to any capital project and no contract entered into or tender accepted involving capital expenditure unless the council is satisfied that the necessary funds are available and the requisite borrowing approval has been obtained.
- 4.7. All capital works shall be administered in accordance with the council's standing orders and financial regulations relating to contracts.



- 4.8. The RFO shall regularly provide the council with a statement of receipts and payments to date under each head of the budgets, comparing actual expenditure to the appropriate date against that planned as shown in the budget. These statements are to be prepared at least at the end of each financial quarter and shall show explanations of material variances. For this purpose "material" shall be in excess of £100 or 15% of the budget.
- 4.9. Changes in earmarked reserves shall be approved by council as part of the budgetary control process.

## **5. BANKING ARRANGEMENTS AND AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS**

- 5.1. The council's banking arrangements, including the bank mandate, shall be made by the RFO and approved by the council; banking arrangements may not be delegated to a committee. They shall be regularly reviewed for safety and efficiency.
- 5.2. A bank account, will be operated by the Parish Council for debit card payments. A balance of £1,000.00 shall be held in the account. The RFO shall transfer necessary funds from the Parish Council current account to cover any transactions.
- 5.3. An additional account is set-up to make online payments (wages, with the exception of the Clerk, and regular payments). The RFO shall set-up the payments and the agree Bank Signatories shall authorise them online.
- 5.4. The wages for the Clerk to be paid via standing order. Any incidentals to be paid online quarterly. Standing Order to be reviewed annually in April and November.
- 5.5. The RFO shall prepare a schedule of payments for both accounts requiring authorisation, forming part of the Agenda for the Meeting and, together with the relevant invoices, present the schedule to council. The council shall review the schedule for compliance and, having satisfied itself shall authorise payment by a resolution of the council. A detailed list of all payments shall be disclosed within or as an attachment to the minutes of the meeting at which payment was authorised. Personal payments



(including salaries, wages, expenses and any payment made in relation to the termination of a contract of employment) may be summarised to remove public access to any personal information.

- 5.6. All invoices for payment shall be examined, verified and certified by the RFO to confirm that the work, goods or services to which each invoice relates has been received, carried out, examined and represents expenditure previously approved by the council.
- 5.7. The RFO shall examine invoices for arithmetical accuracy and analyse them to the appropriate expenditure heading. The RFO shall take all steps to pay all invoices submitted, and which are in order, at the next available council Meeting.
- 5.8. The RFO shall have delegated authority to authorise the payment of items only in the following circumstances:
  - a) If a payment is necessary to avoid a charge to interest under the Late Payment of Commercial Debts (Interest) Act 1998, and the due date for payment is before the next scheduled Meeting of council, where the RFO certify that there is no dispute or other reason to delay payment, provided that a list of such payments shall be submitted to the next appropriate meeting of council;
  - b) An expenditure item authorised under 5.9 below (continuing contracts and obligations) provided that a list of such payments shall be submitted to the next appropriate meeting of council; or
  - c) fund transfers within the councils banking arrangements up to the sum of £10,000, provided that a list of such payments shall be submitted to the next appropriate meeting of council.
- 5.9. For each financial year the Clerk shall draw up a list of due payments which arise on a regular basis as the result of a continuing contract, statutory duty, or obligation (such as but not exclusively, Salaries, PAYE and NI, Superannuation Fund and regular maintenance contracts and the like for which council may authorise payment for the year provided that the requirements of regulation 4.1 (Budgetary Controls) are adhered to, provided also that a list of such payments shall be submitted to the next appropriate meeting of council.



- 5.10. A record of regular payments made under 5.8 above shall be drawn up and be signed by two members on each and every occasion when payment is authorised - thus controlling the risk of duplicated payments being authorised and / or made.
- 5.11. In respect of grants a duly authorised committee shall approve expenditure within any limits set by council and in accordance with any Policy statement approved by council. Any Revenue or Capital Grant in excess of £5,000 shall before payment, be subject to ratification by resolution of the council.
- 5.12. Members are subject to the Code of Conduct that has been adopted by the council and shall comply with the Code and Standing Orders when a decision to authorise or instruct payment is made in respect of a matter in which they have a disclosable pecuniary or other interest, unless a dispensation has been granted.
- 5.13. The council will aim to rotate the duties of members in these Regulations so that onerous duties are shared out as evenly as possible over time.
- 5.14. Any changes in the recorded details of suppliers, such as bank account records, shall be approved in writing by a Member.

## **6. INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE MAKING OF PAYMENTS**

- 6.1. The council will make safe and efficient arrangements for the making of its payments.
- 6.2. Following authorisation under Financial Regulation 5 above, the council, a duly delegated committee or, if so delegated, the RFO shall give instruction that a payment shall be made.
- 6.3. All payments shall be effected by cheque or other instructions to the council's bankers, or otherwise, in accordance with a resolution of council.
- 6.4. Cheques or orders for payment drawn on the current bank account in accordance with the schedule as presented to council or committee shall be signed by two members of the council, and countersigned by the Clerk, in



accordance with a resolution instructing that payment. If a member who is also a bank signatory has declared a disclosable pecuniary interest, or has any other interest, in the matter in respect of which the payment is being made, that Councillor shall be required to consider Standing Orders, and thereby determine whether it is appropriate and / or permissible to be a signatory to the transaction in question.

- 6.5. Cheques or orders for payment drawn on the second bank account in accordance with the schedule as presented to council or committee shall be signed by one members of the council, and countersigned by the Clerk, in accordance with a resolution instructing that payment. The Council has only relinquished the 'two member signatures' control over cheques for this account because they have in place safe and efficient arrangements in accordance with external guidance. If a member who is also a bank signatory has declared a disclosable pecuniary interest, or has any other interest, in the matter in respect of which the payment is being made, that Councillor shall be required to consider Standing Orders, and thereby determine whether it is appropriate and / or permissible to be a signatory to the transaction in question.
- 6.6. To indicate agreement of the details shown on the cheque or order for payment with the counterfoil and the invoice or similar documentation, the signatories shall each also initial the cheque counterfoil.
- 6.7. Cheques or orders for payment shall not normally be presented for signature other than at a council meeting (including immediately before or after such a meeting). Any signatures obtained away from such meetings shall be reported to the council at the next convenient meeting.
- 6.8. If thought appropriate by the council, payment for utility supplies (energy, telephone and water) and any National Non-Domestic Rates may be made by variable Direct Debit provided that the instructions are signed by two members and any payments are reported to council as made.
- 6.9. If thought appropriate by the council, payment for certain items (principally Salaries) may be made by Banker's Standing Order provided that the instructions are signed, or otherwise evidenced by two members are retained and any payments are reported to council as made. The approval of



the use of a Banker's Standing Order shall be renewed by resolution of the council at least every two years.

- 6.10. If thought appropriate by the council, payment for certain items may be made by internet banking transfer provided evidence is retained showing which members approved the payment. Any payments via the internet will only be paid from the second account operated by the Council. The RFO will include in the schedule of payments, any payments that's will be made online.
- 6.11. Where a computer requires use of a personal identification number (PIN) or other password(s), for access to the council's records on that computer, a note shall be made of the PIN and Passwords and shall be handed to and retained by the Chairman of Council in a sealed dated envelope. This envelope may not be opened other than in the presence of two other councillors. After the envelope has been opened, in any circumstances, the PIN and / or passwords shall be changed as soon as practicable. The fact that the sealed envelope has been opened, in whatever circumstances, shall be reported to all members immediately and formally to the next available meeting of the council. This will not be required for a member's personal computer used only for remote authorisation of bank payments.
- 6.12. No employee or councillor shall disclose any PIN or password, relevant to the working of the council or its bank accounts, to any person not authorised in writing by the council or a duly delegated committee.
- 6.13. Regular back-up copies of the records on any computer shall be made and shall be stored securely away from the computer in question, and preferably off site.
- 6.14. The council, and any members using computers for the council's financial business, shall ensure that anti-virus, anti-spyware and firewall, software with automatic updates, together with a high level of security, is used.
- 6.15. Where internet banking arrangements are made with any bank, the Clerk [RFO] shall be appointed as the Service Administrator. The Bank Mandate approved by the council shall identify a number of councillors who will be authorised to approve transactions on those accounts. The bank mandate will state clearly the amounts of payments that can be instructed by the use



of the Service Administrator alone, or by the Service Administrator with a stated number of approvals.

- 6.16. Access to any internet banking accounts will be directly to the access page (which may be saved under “favourites”), and not through a search engine or e-mail link. Remembered or saved passwords facilities must not be used on any computer used for council banking work. Breach of this Regulation will be treated as a very serious matter under these regulations.
- 6.17. Changes to account details for suppliers, which are used for internet banking may only be changed on written hard copy notification by the supplier and supported by hard copy authority for change signed by the Clerk and a member. A programme of regular checks of standing data with suppliers will be followed.
- 6.18. A Debit Card issued for use for the second account will be specifically restricted to the Clerk and will also be restricted to a single transaction maximum value of £500 unless authorised by council or finance committee in writing before any order is placed. All transactions associated with the debit card are to shown on the payment schedule.
- 6.19. The RFO may provide petty cash to officers for the purpose of defraying operational and other expenses. Vouchers for payments made shall be forwarded to the RFO with a claim for reimbursement.
  - a) The RFO shall maintain a petty cash float of £100 for the purpose of defraying operational and other expenses. Vouchers for payments made from petty cash shall be kept to substantiate the payment.
  - b) Income received must not be paid into the petty cash float but must be separately banked, as provided elsewhere in these regulations.
- 6.20. Payments of over £100 (excluding wages) to be published onto the Parish Council website.





## **7. PAYMENT OF SALARIES**

- 7.1. As an employer, the council shall make arrangements to meet fully the statutory requirements placed on all employers by PAYE and National Insurance legislation. The payment of all salaries shall be made in accordance with payroll records and the rules of PAYE and National Insurance currently operating, and salary rates shall be as agreed by council, or duly delegated committee.
- 7.2. Payment of salaries and payment of deductions from salary such as may be required to be made for tax, national insurance and pension contributions, or similar statutory or discretionary deductions must be made in accordance with the payroll records and on the appropriate dates stipulated in employment contracts, provided that each payment is reported to the next available council meeting, as set out in these regulations above.
- 7.3. No changes shall be made to any employee's pay, emoluments, or terms and conditions of employment without the prior consent of the council.
- 7.4. Each and every payment to employees of net salary and to the appropriate creditor of the statutory and discretionary deductions shall be recorded in a separate confidential record (confidential cash book). This confidential record is not open to inspection or review (under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 or otherwise) other than:
  - a) by any councillor who can demonstrate a need to know;
  - b) by the internal auditor;
  - c) by the external auditor; or
  - d) by any person authorised under Audit Commission Act 1998, or any superseding legislation.
- 7.5. The total of such payments in each calendar month shall be reported with all other payments as made as may be required under these Financial Regulations, to ensure that only payments due for the period have actually been paid.





- 7.6. An effective system of personal performance management should be maintained for the senior officers.
- 7.7. Any termination payments shall be supported by a clear business case and reported to the council. Termination payments shall only be authorised by council.
- 7.8. Before employing interim staff the council must consider a full business case.

## **8. LOANS AND INVESTMENTS**

- 8.1. All borrowings shall be affected in the name of the council, after obtaining any necessary borrowing approval. Any application for borrowing approval shall be approved by Council as to terms and purpose. The application for borrowing approval, and subsequent arrangements for the Loan shall only be approved by full council.
- 8.2. Any financial arrangement which does not require formal Borrowing Approval from the Secretary of State/Welsh Assembly Government (such as Hire Purchase or Leasing of tangible assets) shall be subject to approval by the full council. In each case a report in writing shall be provided to council in respect of value for money for the proposed transaction.
- 8.3. The council will arrange with the council's banks and investment providers for the sending of a copy of each statement of account to the Chairman of the council at the same time as one is issued to the Clerk or RFO.
- 8.4. All loans and investments shall be negotiated in the name of the Council and shall be for a set period in accordance with council policy.
- 8.5. The council shall consider the need for an Investment Strategy and Policy, which, if drawn up, shall be in accordance with relevant regulations, proper practices and guidance. Any Strategy and Policy will be reviewed by the council at least annually.
- 8.6. All investments of money under the control of the council shall be in the name of the council.



- 8.7. All investment certificates and other documents relating thereto shall be retained in the custody of the RFO.
- 8.8. Payments in respect of short term or long-term investments, including transfers between bank accounts held in the same bank, or branch, shall be made in accordance with Regulation 5 (Authorisation of payments) and Regulation 6 (Instructions for payments).

## **9. INCOME**

- 9.1. The collection of all sums due to the council shall be the responsibility of and under the supervision of the RFO.
- 9.2. Particulars of all charges to be made for work done, services rendered or goods supplied shall be agreed annually by the council, notified to the RFO and the RFO shall be responsible for the collection of all accounts due to the council.
- 9.3. The council will review all fees and charges at least annually, following a report of the Clerk.
- 9.4. Any sums found to be irrecoverable and any bad debts shall be reported to the council and shall be written off in the year.
- 9.5. All sums received on behalf of the council shall be banked intact as directed by the RFO. In all cases, all receipts shall be deposited with the council's bankers with such frequency as the RFO considers necessary.
- 9.6. The second account will also be used to except payment for items. Any payments into this account, should be transferred into the main bank account of the Parish Council as soon as possible.
- 9.7. The origin of each receipt shall be entered on the paying-in slip.
- 9.8. Personal cheques shall not be cashed out of money held on behalf of the council.



- 9.9. The RFO shall promptly complete any VAT Return that is required. Any repayment claim due in accordance with VAT Act 1994 section 33 shall be made at least annually coinciding with the financial year end.
- 9.10. Where any significant sums of cash are regularly received by the council, the RFO shall take such steps as are agreed by the council to ensure that more than one person is present when the cash is counted in the first instance, that there is a reconciliation to some form of control such as ticket issues, and that appropriate care is taken in the security and safety of individuals banking such cash.
- 9.11. Any income arising which is the property of a charitable trust shall be paid into a charitable bank account. Instructions for the payment of funds due from the charitable trust to the council (to meet expenditure already incurred by the authority) will be given by the Managing Trustees of the charity meeting separately from any council meeting (see also Regulation 16 below)].

## **10. ORDERS FOR WORK, GOODS AND SERVICES**

- 10.1. An official order or letter shall be issued for all work, goods and services unless a formal contract is to be prepared or an official order would be inappropriate. Copies of orders shall be retained.
- 10.2. All members and Officers are responsible for obtaining value for money at all times. An officer issuing an official order shall ensure as far as reasonable and practicable that the best available terms are obtained in respect of each transaction, usually by obtaining three or more quotations or estimates from appropriate suppliers, subject to any *de minimis* provisions in Regulation 11 (I) below.
- 10.3. A member may not issue an official order or make any contract on behalf of the council.
- 10.4. The RFO shall verify the lawful nature of any proposed purchase before the issue of any order, and in the case of new or infrequent purchases or payments, the RFO shall ensure that the statutory authority shall be



reported to the meeting at which the order is approved so that the Minutes can record the power being used.

## **11. CONTRACTS**

### **11.1. Procedures as to contracts are laid down as follows:**

- a. Every contract shall comply with these financial regulations, and no exceptions shall be made otherwise than in an emergency provided that this regulation need not apply to contracts which relate to items (i) to (vi) below:
  - i. for the supply of gas, electricity, water, sewerage and telephone services;
  - ii. for specialist services such as are provided by legal professionals acting in disputes;
  - iii. for work to be executed or goods or materials to be supplied which consist of repairs to or parts for existing machinery or equipment or plant;
  - iv. for work to be executed or goods or materials to be supplied which constitute an extension of an existing contract by the Council;
  - v. for additional audit work of the external Auditor up to an estimated value of £500 (in excess of this sum the Clerk and RFO shall act after consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of council); and
  - vi. for goods or materials proposed to be purchased which are proprietary articles and / or are only sold at a fixed price.
- b. Where the council intends to procure or award a public supply contract, public service contract or public works contract as defined by The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 ("the Regulations") which is



valued at £25,000 or more, the council shall comply with the relevant requirements of the Regulations<sup>2</sup>.

- c. The full requirements of The Regulations, as applicable, shall be followed in respect of the tendering and award of a public supply contract, public service contract or public works contract which exceed thresholds in The Regulations set by the Public Contracts Directive 2014/24/EU (which may change from time to time)<sup>3</sup>.
- d. When applications are made to waive financial regulations relating to contracts to enable a price to be negotiated without competition the reason shall be embodied in a recommendation to the council.
- e. Such invitation to tender shall state the general nature of the intended contract and the Clerk shall obtain the necessary technical assistance to prepare a specification in appropriate cases. The invitation shall in addition state that tenders must be addressed to the Clerk in the ordinary course of post. Each tendering firm shall be supplied with a specifically marked envelope in which the tender is to be sealed and remain sealed until the prescribed date for opening tenders for that contract.
- f. All sealed tenders shall be opened at the same time on the prescribed date by the Clerk in the presence of at least one member of council.
- g. Any invitation to tender issued under this regulation shall be subject to Standing Orders 18, <sup>4</sup> [Page 17] and shall refer to the terms of the Bribery Act 2010.
- h. Any invitation to tender issued under this regulation shall be subject to Standing Order 18, <sup>5</sup> [Page 17] and shall refer to the terms of the Bribery Act 2010. When it is to enter into a contract of less than £25,000

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<sup>2</sup> The Regulations require councils to use the Contracts Finder website to advertise contract opportunities, set out the procedures to be followed in awarding new contracts and to publicise the award of new contracts

<sup>3</sup> Thresholds currently applicable are:

- a. For public supply and public service contracts 209,000 Euros (£181,303)
- b. For public works contracts 5,225,000 Euros (£4,551,413)

<sup>4</sup> Based on NALC's model standing order 18d ©NALC 2018



in value for the supply of goods or materials or for the execution of works or specialist services other than such goods, materials, works or specialist services as are excepted as set out in paragraph (a) the Clerk or RFO shall obtain 3 quotations (priced descriptions of the proposed supply); where the value is below [£3,000] and above [£100] the Clerk or RFO shall strive to obtain 3 estimates. Otherwise, Regulation 10.3 above shall apply.

- i. The council shall not be obliged to accept the lowest or any tender, quote or estimate.
- j. Should it occur that the council, or duly delegated committee, does not accept any tender, quote or estimate, the work is not allocated and the council requires further pricing, provided that the specification does not change, no person shall be permitted to submit a later tender, estimate or quote who was present when the original decision making process was being undertaken.

## **12. PAYMENTS UNDER CONTRACTS FOR BUILDING OR OTHER CONSTRUCTION WORKS (PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS)**

- 12.1. Payments on account of the contract sum shall be made within the time specified in the contract by the RFO upon authorised certificates of the architect or other consultants engaged to supervise the contract (subject to any percentage withholding as may be agreed in the particular contract).
- 12.2. Where contracts provide for payment by instalments the RFO shall maintain a record of all such payments. In any case where it is estimated that the total cost of work carried out under a contract, excluding agreed variations, will exceed the contract sum of 5% or more a report shall be submitted to the council.
- 12.3. Any variation to a contract or addition to or omission from a contract must be approved by the council and Clerk to the contractor in writing, the council being informed where the final cost is likely to exceed the financial provision.



### **13. ASSETS, PROPERTIES AND ESTATES**

- 13.1. The Clerk shall make appropriate arrangements for the custody of all title deeds and Land Registry Certificates of properties held by the council. The RFO shall ensure a record is maintained of all properties held by the council, recording the location, extent, plan, reference, purchase details, nature of the interest, tenancies granted, rents payable and purpose for which held in accordance with Accounts and Audit Regulations.
- 13.2. No tangible moveable property shall be purchased or otherwise acquired, sold, leased or otherwise disposed of, without the authority of the council, together with any other consents required by law, save where the estimated value of any one item of tangible movable property does not exceed £250.
- 13.3. No real property (interests in land) shall be sold, leased or otherwise disposed of without the authority of the council, together with any other consents required by law, In each case a report in writing shall be provided to council in respect of valuation and surveyed condition of the property (including matters such as planning permissions and covenants) together with a proper business case (including an adequate level of consultation with the electorate).
- 13.4. No real property (interests in land) shall be purchased or acquired without the authority of the full council. In each case a Report in writing shall be provided to council in respect of valuation and surveyed condition of the property (including matters such as planning permissions and covenants) together with a proper business case (including an adequate level of consultation with the electorate).
- 13.5. Subject only to the limit set in Regulation 12.2 above, no tangible moveable property shall be purchased or acquired without the authority of the full council. In each case a Report in writing shall be provided to council with a full business case.
- 13.6. The RFO shall ensure that an appropriate and accurate Register of Assets and Investments is kept up to date. The continued existence of tangible



assets shown in the Register shall be verified at least annually, possibly in conjunction with a health and safety inspection of assets.

- 13.7. Land owned by the Parish Council to be published onto the Parish Council website.

#### **14. INSURANCE**

- 14.1. Following the annual risk assessment (per Financial Regulation 14), the RFO shall effect all insurances and negotiate all claims on the council's insurers.
- 14.2. The RFO shall keep a record of all insurances effected by the council and the property and risks covered thereby and annually review it.
- 14.3. The RFO shall be notified of any loss liability or damage or of any event likely to lead to a claim, and shall report these to council at the next available meeting.
- 14.4. All appropriate members and employees of the council shall be included in a suitable form of security or fidelity guarantee insurance which shall cover the maximum risk exposure as determined annually by the council, or duly delegated committee.

#### **15. RISK MANAGEMENT**

- 15.1. The council is responsible for putting in place arrangements for the management of risk. The Clerk shall prepare, for approval by the council, risk management policy statements in respect of all activities of the council. Risk policy statements and consequential risk management arrangements shall be reviewed by the council at least annually.
- 15.2. When considering any new activity, the Clerk shall prepare a draft risk assessment including risk management proposals for consideration and adoption by the council.





## **16. SUSPENSION AND REVISION OF FINANCIAL REGULATIONS**

- 16.1. It shall be the duty of the council to review the Financial Regulations of the council from time to time. The Clerk shall make arrangements to monitor changes in legislation or proper practices and shall advise the council of any requirement for a consequential amendment to these financial regulations.
- 16.2. The council may, by resolution of the council duly notified prior to the relevant meeting of council, suspend any part of these Financial Regulations provided that reasons for the suspension are recorded and that an assessment of the risks arising has been drawn up and presented in advance to all members of council.

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# Compliments and Complaints Procedure

V1.0

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## **Compliments and Complaints Procedure**

The Parish Council is committed to providing a high quality service to Tollesbury residents. If something has gone right the Council will be delighted to hear from you but if something has gone wrong and you are not satisfied with the service you have received, please let us know. Your views are very important to us in helping to achieve and maintain the highest possible standards. The Compliments and Complaints procedure assists in this.

We would ask that you contact us either via email ([clerk@tollesburyparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@tollesburyparishcouncil.gov.uk)) or by letter to the address at the end of this document.

When contacting us, we will need your name, address, telephone number and email address to avoid any delay in dealing with the matters you are bringing to our attention.

The Council views the use of the procedure as an efficient way of dealing with contact from the public about the Council's procedures or administration and as a means of preserving the good reputation of the Council through a transparent process.

**Compliments** - We will pass on any compliments to the person(s) concerned and report this to the Parish Council

**General Feedback** - We will pass on all comments to the relevant person, team or committee. If you have indicated you require a response we will confirm receipt of your feedback and report on any action taken.

### **Complaints**

1. Tollesbury Parish Council is committed to providing a quality service for the benefit of the people who live or work in its area or are visitors to the locality. If you are dissatisfied with the standard of service you have received from this Council, or are unhappy about an action or lack of action by this Council, this Complaints Procedure sets out how you may complain to the Council and how we shall try to resolve your complaint.
2. This Complaints Procedure applies to complaints about Council administration and procedures and may include complaints about how Council employees have dealt with your concerns.



3. This Complaints Procedure does not apply to:
  - 3.1. complaints by one Council employee against another Council employee, or between a Council employee and the Council as the employer. These matters are dealt with under the council's disciplinary and grievance procedures.
  - 3.2. complaints against Councillors. Complaints against Councillors are covered by the Code of Conduct for Members adopted by the Council on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2020 and, if a complaint against a Councillor is received by the Council, it will be referred to the Standards Committee of Maldon District Council. Further information on the process of dealing with complaints against councillors may be obtained from the Monitoring Officer of Maldon District Council.
4. The appropriate time for influencing Council decision-making is by raising your concerns before the Council debates and votes on a matter. You may do this by writing to the Council in advance of the meeting at which the item is to be discussed. There may also be the opportunity to raise your concerns in the public participation section of Council meetings. If you are unhappy with a Council decision, you may raise your concerns with the Council, but Standing Orders prevent the Council from re-opening issues for six months from the date of the decision, unless there are exceptional grounds to consider this necessary and the special process set out in the Standing Orders is followed.
5. You may make your complaint about the Council's procedures or administration to the Clerk. You may do this in person, by phone, or by writing to or emailing the Clerk. The addresses and numbers are set out below.
6. Wherever possible, the Clerk will try to resolve your complaint immediately. If this is not possible, the Clerk will normally try to acknowledge your complaint within five working days.
7. If you do not wish to report your complaint to the Clerk, you may make your complaint directly to the Chairman of the Council who will report your complaint to the Council.
8. The Clerk will investigate each complaint, obtaining further information as necessary from you and/or from staff or members of the Council.



9. The Clerk or the Chairman of the Council will notify you within 20 working days of the outcome of your complaint and of what action (if any) the Council proposes to take as a result of your complaint. (In exceptional cases the twenty working days timescale may have to be extended. If it is, you will be kept informed.)
10. If you are dissatisfied with the response to your complaint, you may ask for your complaint to be referred to the full Council and (usually within eight weeks) you will be notified in writing of the outcome of the review of your original complaint.

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**PARISH COUNCIL POLICY**

# Reserves Policy

V1.0

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### **Introduction**

Tollesbury Parish Council is required to maintain adequate financial reserves to meet the needs of the organisation. The purpose of this policy is to set out how the Council will determine and review the level of reserves.

Sections 32 and 43 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 require local authorities to have regard to the level of reserves needed for meeting estimated future expenditure when calculating the budget requirement. However, there is no specified minimum level of reserves that an authority should hold and it is the responsibility of the Responsible Financial Officer to advise the Council about the level of reserves and to ensure that there are procedures for their establishment and use.

### **Types of Reserves**

Reserves can be categorised as general or earmarked.

Earmarked reserves are held for the following reason:

- Renewals – to enable the Council to plan and finance any agreed projects/expenditure. These reserves are a mechanism to smooth expenditure so that a sensible replacement can be achieved without the need to significantly vary budgets year on year.
- Community Projects that require funding in line with the Action Plan.
- Carry forward of underspend – The Council may commit expenditure to projects, but cannot spend the budget in the year. Reserves are used as a mechanism to carry forward these resources.
- Other earmarked reserves may be set up from time to time to meet known or predicted liabilities.

General Reserves are held for the following reason:

- funds which do not have any restrictions as to their use. These reserves can be used to smooth the impact of uneven cash flows, offset the budget requirement if necessary or can be held in case of unexpected events or emergencies.

### **Use of Reserves**

Reserves should not be held to fund ongoing expenditure. This would be unsustainable as, at some point, the reserves would be exhausted. To the extent that reserves are used to meet short term funding gaps, they must be replenished in the following year. However, earmarked reserves that have been used to meet a specific liability would not need to be replenished, having served the purpose.



Any decision to set up a reserve must be made by the Council.

Reviewing the Council's Financial Risk Assessment is part of the budgeting and year-end accounting procedures and identifies planned and unplanned expenditure items and thereby indicates an appropriate level of Reserves.

### **General Reserves**

The level of General Reserves is a matter of judgement and so this policy does not attempt to prescribe a blanket level.

The primary means of building general reserves will be through an allocation from the annual budget. This will be in addition to any amounts needed to replenish reserves that have been consumed in the previous year.

Setting the level of General Reserves is one of several related decisions in the formulation of the medium-term financial strategy and the annual budget. The Council must build and maintain sufficient working balances to cover the key risks it faces, as expressed in its financial risk assessment.

If in extreme circumstances General Reserves were exhausted due to major unforeseen spending pressures within a particular financial year, the Council would be able to drawdown from its earmarked reserves to provide short term resources.

Even at times when extreme pressure is put on the Council's finances, the Council must keep a minimum balance sufficient to pay three month's salaries to staff in General Reserves at all times.

### **Earmarked Reserves**

These will be established on a "needs basis", in line with anticipated requirements.

All Earmarked Reserves are recorded on a schedule held by the Responsible Financial Officer which lists the various Earmarked Reserves. A copy of the Earmarked Reserves to be presented to the Council on a monthly basis as part of the Monthly Financial Report.





**Current level of financial reserves**

The level of financial reserves held by the council will be agreed by the Parish Council during the discussions held regarding the setting of the budget for the next financial year. All virements of funds must be agreed by full Council.

The advised level of total reserve is the annual income figure, to fully cover a 6 months expenditure, but can be varied

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# Social Media and Email Policy

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## **TOLLESBURY PARISH COUNCIL SOCIAL MEDIA AND EMAIL POLICY**

### **1. Policy statement**

1.1. This policy is intended to help employees including the Clerk/ RFO and casual employees (collectively referred to as employees in this policy), Councillors and volunteers make appropriate decisions about the use of social media such as blogs, social networking websites, forums, message boards, or comments on web-articles, such as Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn and emails.

1.2. This policy outlines the standards required by employees, Councillors and volunteers to observe when using social media and emails, the circumstances in which the Council will monitor the use of social media and the action that will be taken in respect of breaches of this policy.

### **2. The scope of the policy**

2.1. All employees, Councillors and volunteers are expected to comply with this policy at all times to protect the privacy, confidentiality, and interests of the Council.

2.2. Breach of this policy by employees and Councillors may be dealt with under the adopted Code of Conduct or Disciplinary Procedure and, in serious cases, may be treated as gross misconduct leading to summary dismissal in the case of employees.

### **3. Responsibility for implementation of the policy**

3.1. The Council has overall responsibility for the effective operation of this policy.

3.2. The Clerk is responsible for monitoring and reviewing the operation of this policy and making recommendations for changes to minimise risks to our work.

3.3. All employees, Councillors and volunteers should ensure that they take the time to read and understand this policy. Any breach of it should be reported to the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Council.

3.4. Questions regarding the content or application of this policy should be directed to the Clerk.

### **Social Media Policy**

#### **4. Using social media sites in the name of the Parish Council**

4.1. Only the Clerk in consultation with the Councillors is permitted to post material on the Council website and social media (See 1.1 above) in the Council's name and on behalf of the Council.



## **5. Using social media**

5.1. The importance of the internet in shaping public thinking about the Council and community is recognised, as is the importance of employees, Councillors and volunteers joining in and helping shape local government conversation and direction through interaction in social media.

5.2. Before using social media on any matter which might affect the interests of the Council, ensure that:

1. a) All employees and Councillors have read and understood this policy
2. b) All employees and volunteers must have sought and gained prior written approval to do so from the Full Council.

## **6. Rules for use of social media**

Whenever permitted to use social media in accordance with this policy, the following general rules must be adhered to:

6.1. Do not upload post or forward a link to any abusive, obscene, discriminatory, harassing, derogatory or defamatory content.

6.2. Any employee, Councillor or volunteer who feels that they have been harassed or bullied, or are offended by material posted or uploaded by a colleague onto a social media website should inform the Chairman/Clerk.

6.3. Never disclose commercially sensitive, personal, private or confidential information. If unsure whether information to be shared falls within one of these categories, this should be discussed beforehand with the Chairman/Clerk.

6.4. Before including a link to a third party website, confirm that the third party's consent has been given and check that any terms and conditions of that website permit the link to it.

6.5. When making use of any social media platform, its terms of use must be read and complied with.

6.6. Be honest and open, but be mindful of the impact a contribution may make to the public's perceptions of the council.

6.7. Employees, Councillors and volunteers are personally responsible for any content they publish into social media tools.

6.8. Do not escalate heated discussions, try to be conciliatory, respectful and quote facts to lower the temperature and correct misrepresentations.

6.9. Do not discuss employees without their prior approval.

6.10. Always consider others' privacy and avoid discussing topics that may be inflammatory e.g. politics and religion.

6.11. Do not publish personal contact details where they can be accessed and used widely, and never publish anyone else's personal contact details.



## **7. Monitoring use of social media websites**

7.1. Employees and Councillors should be aware that any use of social media websites (whether or not accessed for council purposes) may be monitored and, where breaches of this policy are found, action may be taken against employees and Councillors under the Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Procedure.

7.2. Misuse of social media websites can, in certain circumstances, constitute a criminal offence or otherwise give rise to legal liability against the Council and its employees.

7.3. In particular, a serious case of emailing, uploading, posting forwarding or posting a link to any of the following types of material on a social media website, whether in a professional or personal capacity, will probably amount to gross misconduct (this list is not exhaustive):

- a) material in breach of copyright or other intellectual property rights, or which invades the privacy of any person.
- b) pornographic material (that is, writing, pictures, films and video clips of a sexually explicit or arousing nature);
- c) a false and defamatory statement about any person or organisation;
- d) material which is offensive, obscene
- e) criminal, discriminatory, derogatory or may cause embarrassment to the Council, members, or employees;
- f) confidential information about the Council or anyone else
- g) any other statement which is likely to create any liability (whether criminal or civil, and whether for employees or the Council);

Any such action will be addressed under the Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Procedure and for employees may result in summary dismissal.

7.4. Where evidence of misuse is found, a more detailed investigation may be undertaken in accordance with the Council's Disciplinary Procedure involving the examination and disclosure of monitoring records to those nominated to undertake the investigation and any witnesses involved in the investigation. If necessary such information may be handed to the police in connection with a criminal investigation.

7.5. Any breach of the policy should be reported to the Clerk and Chairman of the Council.



## **Email Policy**

### **8. Rules for use of emails**

8.1 Emails are the primary method to promote effective communication on matters relating to Council business, and therefore should be used for that purpose only. If necessary, consider speaking to the recipient(s) first by telephone or in person, then follow up with an email.

8.2 Emails should not be used for spreading gossip, or for personal gain, or in breach of any of the Council's Codes of Conduct relating to bullying, intimidation, sexual or racial harassment.

8.3 Messages sent by email are to be written in accordance with the standards of any other form of written communication, and the content and language used in the message must be consistent with Council best practice. Messages should be clear and concise and directed to those individuals with a "need to know", such as members of a Working Group. However, when responding to a large group of recipients, the "reply to all" facility should be used to ensure all parties receive the same information you wish to impart.

8.4 Confidential information should not be sent externally without the approval of the Chairman or Clerk. .

8.5 Erroneous email messages can give rise to legal action against the Council or individual Councillors. Claims for defamation, harassment, breach of confidentiality or contract could result. It is therefore vital for email messages to be treated like any other form of correspondence and, where necessary, hard copies or copies saved to file should be retained. Messages are also disclosable in any legal action commenced against the Council or Councillors relevant to the issues set out in the email.

8.6 External emails received by a Councillor are to be forwarded to the Clerk – and the Chairman if appropriate – who will in turn forward to other Councillors.

8.7 Misuse of emails in the following categories can lead to a breach in the Codes of Conduct Policy, leading to a Complaint and Disciplinary Procedures:

- a) Defamation of character
- b) Inappropriate, offensive or obscene content
- c) Untrue or malicious content
- d) Discriminatory on grounds of race, sex, age, marital status, disability, sexual orientation, religion or religious beliefs and philosophical beliefs
- e) Breach of Council confidential information

### **9. Monitoring and review of this policy**

9.1 The Parish Council shall be responsible for reviewing this policy annually to ensure that it meets legal requirements and reflects best practice.



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## MEETING SCHEDULE

### Proposed Meeting Schedule 2021/22

<b>May</b>	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Council Annual Statutory Meeting
	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Full Council Meeting
<b>June</b>	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Full Council Meeting
	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Woodrolfe Hard and Marine Assets Committee
	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Recreation Ground Committee
	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Woodup Pool Committee
<b>July</b>	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Full Council Meeting
	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Environment & Amenity Committee
<b>August</b>	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Full Council Meeting
<b>September</b>	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Full Council Meeting
	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Recreation Ground Committee
<b>October</b>	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Full Council Meeting -
	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Woodrolfe Hard and Marine Assets Committee
	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Woodup Pool Committee
<b>November</b>	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Full Council Meeting
	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Recreation Ground Committee
	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Environment & Amenity Committee
	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Woodrolfe Hard and Marine Assets Committee
<b>December</b>	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Full Council Meeting
	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Finance Committee
	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Full Council Meeting
<b>January</b>	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Woodup Pool Committee
	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Full Council Meeting
	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Environment & Amenity Committee
<b>February</b>	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Full Council Meeting
	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Woodrolfe Hard and Marine Assets Committee
<b>March</b>	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Full Council Meeting
	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Finance Committee
	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Recreation Ground Committee
<b>April</b>	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Full Council Meeting
	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Woodup Pool Committee
	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Environment & Amenity Committee
<b>May</b>	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Council Annual Statutory Meeting

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