

Marlborough Town Council



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Dear Councillor,
I hereby summon you to a meeting of **Marlborough Town Council**, which will be held on **Monday, 2 November at 7.00pm** via Zoom.

Yours faithfully

Handwritten signature of Shelley Parker.

Mrs S A Parker, PSLCC
Town Clerk

On 4 April 2020, the government introduced The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 which allows local councils to meet remotely. These regulations apply to meetings held before 7 May 2021.

This meeting will be held online using Zoom videoconferencing software. The press and members of the public are welcome to join the meeting by following this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81613923830?pwd=bHpacE9LOEx4TFF6RHNYjRjK1ppdz09>

Meeting ID: 816 1392 3830

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Public Question Time – In accordance with Standing Order 3(f), members of the public may ask questions of Full Town Council. The time allocated for this should not exceed 10 minutes and be limited to 1 question per person unless directed otherwise by the Chairman. A full response may not be possible without further research and the Chair may direct that a written or oral response be given.

- a) **Prayers**
- b) **Public Question Time** - not to exceed 10 minutes and limited to 1 question per person unless time permits otherwise
- c) **Crime and Disorder** – a member of Wiltshire Police will be invited to give a report and answer questions from Councillors and members of the public (not to exceed 10 minutes)
- d) **To receive Questions to and from Wiltshire Councillors** (not to exceed 10 minutes)

Petition – In line with the Town Council's Petitions Policy, the petition organiser will be invited by the Chair to present the reasoning for a petition about the need for safer crossing provision for pedestrians at the top of Port Hill on the A346, opposite The Common and the entrance to the Acres. (The time allocated for this should not exceed 5 minutes)

AGENDA

1. **Apologies for Absence**
2. **Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations**

3. Mayor's Announcements

4. Minutes

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Extraordinary Full Town Council held on Monday, 28 September 2020

5. Written Motion

In accordance with Standing Order 10, Cllr. L. Farrell has submitted the following written motion for consideration:

Members will be aware of a local campaign and petition for a safer way to cross the road at the top of Port Hill on the A346, opposite The Common and the entrance to the Acres. A local young mother is representing many residents highlighting their concerns about how difficult it is to cross particularly for parents with pushchairs and young children, dog walkers and the elderly. The speeding traffic, which includes heavy lorries, makes it unsafe for pedestrians to access The Common, a recreational space for us all to use. There is no signage or other traffic calming measures in place. With the recreational area at Rabley Wood View about to be re-developed for houses, for the moment, there is no other green open space nearby for those living on the estates.

I propose that the Town Council supports this request for a safer crossing point here, whether it's a pedestrian crossing, a reduction in the speed limit or by other means. It needs a full and urgent review through CATG and Highways officers.

6. Written Motion

In accordance with Standing Order 10, Cllr. N. Barrett-Morton has submitted the following written motion for consideration:

Following the last motion regarding the Priory Gardens, an understanding was reached between Marlborough Town Council and St. Johns limiting the Gardens use by their students. Unfortunately, despite this agreement, things have returned to 'normal', with ever larger numbers (well beyond the recommended 6) with ball games, increased littering and boisterous behaviour. No one expects youngsters to be silent or remain invisible. However, it is not the place of MTC to make up for the deficiencies in recreational space provision at St. John's Academy. That is for St. John's and Wiltshire Council to address. During the current situation, the Gardens should be viewed as a SAFE outdoor space for use by all. This is currently NOT the case as a large number of students are blatantly disregarding the current rules on numbers and social distancing. Evidence has shown that the younger age group have become the major vector in contributing to coronavirus spread. The exclusion of St. John's students from Priory Gardens is required for communal infection control and protection of the elderly using these Gardens.

I propose that MTC requests that St John's place a ban on their students using Priory Gardens for the next 6 months. Once this period has passed this can be reviewed in the light of the prevailing pandemic situation.

7. Climate Emergency Declaration

Following its declaration of a climate emergency on 7 September 2020, to note a report by the Town Clerk and consider how the Town Council can address the issue of climate breakdown at a local level

8. A Community Fridge

To note a report by the Assistant Town Clerk about a collaborative project to provide a community fridge and to consider the use of the Community Room at Coopers Corner to trial this initiative

9. Dark Skies Festival

To note an update report by the Assistant Town Clerk with feedback from the recent Dark Skies 'At Home' virtual festival held on Saturday, 3 October 2020

10. Tourist Information Centre

Following an agreement made in principle to register an interest in having a tourist information presence at St Peter's, to note a report by the Town Clerk and consider whether to make a firm commitment to the proposal

11. Membership of Standing Committees

To note a report by the Town Clerk and consider committee membership for newly co-opted Councillor Jo Waltham

12. Christmas and New Year Opening Hours

To note a report by the Town Clerk and consider a recommendation about opening hours and holidays over the Christmas and New Year period

13. General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

To note a report by the Assistant Town Clerk and consider a recommendation from the Finance & Policy Committee to adopt a suite of policies to ensure GDPR compliance

14. Outside Bodies

Members to offer updates on their representational roles to external organisations

15. Committee Minutes - In accordance with para 3.1 of the Scheme of Delegation, to note the approved minutes of the **Planning Committee** on 1 and 29 September and 5 October 2020 and the **Property Committee** on 13 January 2020 and **Finance & Policy** Committee on 16 March 2020. These minutes have been approved by the committee and circulated to Members and are available to download from www.marlborough-tc.gov.uk or from the Town Council offices. Other meetings have taken place but, minutes are not yet approved so remain in draft form

16. Member's Question Time

Questions to be submitted to the Town Clerk by midday on the day of the meeting and not to exceed 10 minutes

17. To authorise the fixing of the Common Seal of the Marlborough Town Council to all documents necessary to give effect to the decisions of the meeting

18. Exclusion of Press and Public

RECOMMENDED: That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the commercially confidential nature of the business to be transacted

19. Skatepark Lighting

To note a report by the Assistant Town Clerk and consider quotations for the provision of lighting for the Skatepark at the Recreation Ground, Salisbury Road