



FERNDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

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Cllrs: J Baxter, P Hanson Graham, A Miller, M Willis, L Wilson, H Worth and ex-officio members J Robinson (Town Mayor) and L Wilson (Deputy Town Mayor).

Dear Councillor,

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the **Natural Environment Committee** on **Monday 5 October 2020** at **7.00pm** via Microsoft Teams for the purpose of the transaction of the business shown on the agenda below. For the Microsoft Teams meeting link information please contact the Town Clerk at townclerk@ferndown.gov.uk or call 01202 892249.

Louise Harrison, Town Clerk to Ferndown Town Council, 29 September and 1 October 2020.

In accordance with the Coronavirus Act 2020, c. 7, Part 1, Local authority meetings, Section 78: Members are permitted to be present and attend a meeting without being present at the Barrington Centre together in the same place - extract from Act reads:

"The provision which may be made by virtue of subsection (1)(d) includes in particular provision for persons to attend, speak at, vote in, or otherwise participate in, local authority meetings without all of the persons, or without any of the persons, being together in the same place."

Meetings and the Public

During the period of meetings being conducted remotely and in compliance with the Coronavirus Act 2020, members of the public and press are welcome to observe this virtual meeting using the link above and encouraged to submit any questions or comments under 'Public Participation' (see item 3 below) in advance of the meeting to the Town Clerk at townclerk@ferndown.gov.uk or by post (Town Clerk, Ferndown Town Council, The Barrington Centre, Penny's Walk, Ferndown, Dorset BH22 9TH) by 9am on Monday 21 September 2020. These will then be made available to all Councillors.

This agenda may be split into two parts. Most of the business will be dealt with in Part I which is open to the public. Part II (if applicable) includes items which may be discussed in the absence of the press or public (referred to as Exempt Business), as they deal with information which is personal or sensitive for some other reason. The press and public will be asked to leave the meeting before Part II items are discussed.

Agenda

1. Apologies

To receive and consider for acceptance any Member apologies for absence and approve (or not) by resolution to accept and note the reason for absence.

Members are requested to send apologies to the Town Clerk prior to the start of the meeting. If a Member has not attended a meeting of Council (or its committees) or has not tendered apologies which have been accepted by Council (or committee), for six consecutive months, they are disqualified.

2. Declarations of interest and dispensations

Members and officers are invited to make any declarations of interest that they may have in relation to an item on the agenda and are reminded to make any declarations at any stage during the meeting if it becomes apparent that it may be required when a particular item or issue is considered, as required by Council's Code of Conduct.

3. Public Participation

For the public or press to ask questions of the Council on matters relating to the agenda.

4. Natural Environment Committee Minutes 24 February 2020

To verify the minutes of the previous Natural Environment Committee meeting on 24 February 2020 (appendix 1) as a correct record and signed by the Chairman (at an appropriate time).

5. Matters to report from the Town Clerk in relation to agenda item 5 above.

- (i) Budget review – to agree the budget allocation for 2020/21 (see item 6).
- (ii) Land at KGV – verbal update from the Chairman and Clerk in relation to the land at KGV and consideration of a recommendation to the KGV Management Committee and Full Council.
- (iii) Wildflower planting – update from the Chairman and Dorset Ranger and consider a course of action going forward including a budget (appendix 2) and
- (iv) Woodland Trust – verbal update from the Chairman and Town Clerk in relation to the planting of saplings from the Woodland Trust.
- (v) Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace at Holmwood – verbal update from the Chairman and Town Clerk on the progress of partnership work (Dorset Council, Dorset Rangers and Dorset Wildlife Trust).
- (vi) Wildlife boxes – verbal update from the Chairman in relation to pre-agreed sites within Ferndown.
- (vii) Ancient trees – verbal update from the Chairman.

6. Draft budget review 2020/2021

To review the Committee's expenditure items for this financial year (Committee's current expenditure is £5,000), including:

- hedgehog road signs
- wildlife boxes – new and re-siting of some existing at KGV (9).

- Dorset Wildlife Trust membership
- badger fencing project
- Membership of the Badger Trust
- plus any other items suggested by Committee members.

7. Budget considerations for the next financial year 2021/2022.

To consider budget items for the next financial year 2021/2022.

8. Fencing project

Verbal update from the Chairman in relation to the fencing project in the pre-agreed location in Ferndown.

9. Climate and ecology crisis

To review Ferndown Town Council's position with regards to climate crisis.

10. Consultations and correspondence

(i) Forestry England's East Dorset Forest Plan

To consider a response to the Forestry England's East Dorset forest management plan relevant to Ferndown (please visit the link <https://www.forestryengland.uk/forest-planning/east-dorset-forest-plan>).

(ii) Government's 'Planning for the Future' White Paper

To consider a response to the Government's White Paper (<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/planning-for-the-future>) in relation to the terms of reference for the Natural Environment Committee (appendix 3).

11. Close of meeting and date of next meeting

4 January 2021