



FERNDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

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Cllrs: J Baxter, P Hanson Graham, A Miller, M Willis, L Wilson, 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 **Thursday 4 March 2021** at **7.00pm** via Zoom for the purpose of the transaction of the business shown on the agenda below.

For further information on the Zoom meeting please contact the Committee Clerk at committeeadmin@ferndown.gov.uk or call 01202 892249.

Louise Harrison, Town Clerk to Ferndown Town Council, 26 February 2021

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 the day of the meeting. 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

Opening statement by the Chairman:

We are here to discuss and agree decisions in relation to the listed agenda items. Anyone that obstructs the transaction of business at this meeting or behaves in a way that is contrary will be told by the Chairman of this meeting that their behaviour is contrary to our Standing Orders and Code of Conduct. If that behaviour continues the Chairman will then make a resolution to remove that councillor from any further involvement in this meeting. This motion will require a seconder and a subsequent vote. If carried that councillor will then be removed from the meeting.

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 Committee Administrator 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 14 January 2021

To verify the minutes of the previous Natural Environment Committee meeting on 14 January 2021 (appendix 1) as a correct record and signed by the Chairman (at an appropriate time).

5. Matters to report from the Clerk in relation to agenda item 4 above.

a) Subscriptions

b) To receive the response from Dorset Council regarding the SANG at Holmwood Park.

6. Terms of Reference

To agree the draft terms of reference for the Natural Environment Committee (Appendix 2).

7. Budget Comparison 1 April 2020 - 22 February 2021

To note the budget comparison report 1 April 2020 – 22 February 2021 (Appendix 3).

8. Consider commissioning a Nature Recovery Report and a detailed DERC Ecology map for Ferndown.

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9. Items for procurement

To consider and approve the purchase of suggested items for the care and protection of wildlife.

10. Membership and Subscription

To review and approve membership and subscriptions for the Committee.

11. Location of Bat Boxes

To determine the locations for bat boxes.

12. Identification and Mapping of Ancient Trees

To identify and record ancient trees situated in and around Holmwood Park SANG for submission to the woodland trust.

13. Close of meeting and date of next meeting

To note the next meeting of the Environment Committee 10 May 2021 and close of meeting.