

To ALL MEMBERS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

You are hereby summoned to a Meeting of **Rye Town Council** to be held on **Monday 21 March 2022 at 6.30pm**, at **Tilling Green Community Centre, Masons Road, Rye**, when it is proposed to transact the business set out below:

(COVID-19) ***The premises will be well-ventilated – so please dress accordingly.***

Attendees are requested to wear a face covering when they are not seated.

To maximise social distancing no tables will be provided.

63 APOLOGIES

To accept any apologies for absence.

64 CODE OF CONDUCT

To receive any declarations of interest required under the Council's Code of Conduct – and to consider any written applications made by Members to the Clerk for a dispensation to allow them to participate in, and vote on an agenda item for which they have a Disclosable Interest.

65 COUNCIL MINUTES

To approve and to authorise the Chairman to sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 28 January 2022 (C7).

The Mayor to adjourn the meeting for up to 45 minutes for:

- a) A Mayoral Update*
- b) The Report/s of the Rye District Councillors*
- c) The Report of the Rye County Councillor*
- d) Public questions/contributions*

66 VACANCIES

To: **a)** Note that there has been no demand for a bye-election for either of the Council's two vacancies;

b) Note that the Special Council Meeting to fill the vacancies by co-option will take place on Tuesday 19 April, 6.30pm.

c) Consider whether to amend the Co-option Procedure by agreeing some - or all - of the (standard) questions to be put to the candidates in advance of the meeting.

Cllr Fiddimore

67 UKRAINE

To : **a)** Note that: a Ukrainian flag is flying over the Landgate and Town Hall – and images of the flag are displayed in the Information Point window.

b) Ratify the Council's donation of £500 towards the DEC's Ukraine Appeal.

c) Receive an update on local efforts to co-ordinate a response to the Government's Homes for Ukraine initiative.

d) Agree a course of action.

Clerk

68 PLATINUM JUBILEE

- a) **Mill Salts** (*between Ferry Road and Tillingham Avenue*)
To note that the Clerk has asked RDC if it would be prepared to sell the freehold of the field to RTC for the purpose of creating a (natural) conservation area – and to consider whether this has Members' 'in principle' support. **Clerk**
- b) **Beacon lighting - fireworks**
To note that Bonfire Society is willing to provide a firework display at an estimated cost of £1,000 and to consider if the Council is minded to make a contribution of £500. **Clerk**

69 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

To consider whether to hold the 2022 ATM on the date booked provisionally (1 June, 7pm, Tilling Green Community Centre*).

Clerk

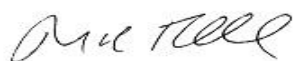
*Assuming the Vaccination Centre is likely to have vacated the premises by then.

70 COVID-19: COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

To note that, subject to the application of mitigation measures (and the 'progress' of the Omicron BA.2 variant – and emerging Deltacron variant), the view has been taken that unless attendance is anticipated to be higher than is considered to be safe, meetings that have to be attended 'in person' can return to the Town Hall – and that the Clerk's general delegated authority should be rescinded/reviewed. **Clerk**
Note There are occasions when additional meetings could be avoided if the Clerk had qualified delegated authority to make decisions – for example, consideration of an urgent application for a grant. Members might like to consider whether to delegate decision making to the Clerk – subject to: informal consultation with Members (email or remotely), identification of the appropriate budget/reserve, a minimum of 2 Members being able to demand that the decision be taken at a meeting of the Council instead - and an expenditure limit of £500.

Supporting/Associated documents distributed with this agenda

65 Council Minutes **66c** Co-option Procedure



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