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SOHAM TOWN COUNCIL

A MEETING of SOHAM TOWN COUNCIL will be held on **MONDAY 14TH MARCH 2022** commencing at **7.15pm** and you are summoned to attend the Pavilion recreation ground Soham for the transaction of the following business.

Where the general Public is unable to attend at the Council Offices/Pavilion or where hall capacity has been exceeded due to any ongoing COVID restrictions proceedings may be followed by live streaming of the meeting using the following YouTube link (where applicable the URL link will be provided below):

N/A

If members of the public wish to participate and make formal representation during the Public Comment Time section of the meeting they may do so in person, via Zoom or by written statement. Please follow the instructions provided in the Notes below.

**DE Marshall
Clerk, Town Council
7th MARCH 2022**

- 33/22. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS & TOWN CLLR VERBAL UPDATES**
(maximum 5 minutes per group) TO INCLUDE:
a) Meetings and training attended in month by Cllrs.
- 34/22. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME** – the first 15 minutes of the meeting allows members of the public to raise issues relevant to Soham and the Council. Indication of intention to speak together with the agenda item or subject should be notified to the Clerk as indicated in the notes below to enable the Zoom log-in details to be provided and thereafter:
- 35/22. COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS-please note that**
District and County Cllr written monthly reports may be viewed at
<https://www.soham-tc.gov.uk/county-district-cllr-reports/>

(PLEASE NOTE 5 MINS MAX IS ALLOCATED UNDER EACH LISTED AGENDA ITEM ABOVE (IN TOTAL NOT PER PERSON) & THAT NO COUNCIL APPROVALS MAY LEGITIMATELY BE TAKEN.

AGENDA

- 36/22. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
37/22. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS TO ITEMS ON AGENDA
38/22. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2022 & EOM 7th MARCH 2022 (attached)
39/22 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE CURRENT & WHERE NECESSARY PREVIOUS FULL COUNCIL MINUTES (where not specified by prior notice and listed on this agenda no decisions or approvals may be legally taken):

- A) Neighbourhood planning (Working Group)- Any approvals to be made by Soham Town Council as Lead Body [Town and Country Planning Act 1990 s61F(1), (2)] including aspects of designation of neighbourhood area, appointment of consultant, grant application AOB.
- B) Jubilee '22 Committee-attached
- C) Drayton Meadows-dedicated wildlife area or open space/access provision (27/22)
- D) RBL-Remembrance Sunday 2022 (25/22)
- E) Statue request 'Oludah Equiano'-resident feedback (25/22)
- F) Wildlife areas 2022 Proof of Principle works (Closed churchyard and cemetery - Fordham Road budget consideration 2022-23, 27/22)
- G) Chapel update (Cllr Woodbridge)

40/22 PREVIOUS MONTH'S STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING
 b) Planning - 28th February 2022

41/22 INCOME & PAYMENTS OF ACCOUNTS MADE (FP 22/20), STATEMENT OF BALANCES AT 28th FEBRUARY 2022.

i) Matters requiring financial considerations

- a) Emergency works Fencing Kingfisher Youth Football Ground-Clerks Emergency Powers (£360) -further approvals
- b) CAPALC Affiliation Invitation - 1st April 2022- 31st March 2023
- c) Valuation of council assets costs (insurance recommendations 2022)

42/22 COMMUNITY SUPPORT INCLUDING FINANCIAL (s137/LHI) REQUESTS

- a) Soham Day centre (£500, s137)
- b) Police request-facility (business unit) for police surgery
- c) Engage (£100, s137) Cambridgeshire County Council
- d) Resident request for tree with bench surround - late Mr Colin Fordham.
- e) "Busy Bees" Friday morning group -request to host an Easter Egg hunt and bake sale on the recreation ground (20th April 2022) in aid of EACH (East Anglian Children's Hospice)

43/22 COMBINED AUTHORITY SOHAM MARKET TOWN FUND BID

- a) Byway 113 – Cycle Path Soham – Wicken-update by Chairman & further approvals

44/22 CORRESPONDENCE –TO BE NOTED ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED IN THE MINUTES (matters in bold or as highlighted in red **BOLD** considered to be more relevant to Soham) *Unless otherwise indicated all correspondence emailed/circulated to Cllrs as received*):

- a) Highways Events March 2022
- b) ECDC Bin collection day changes set to reduce emissions and improve efficiency
- c) IHMC Incident Report - February 2022 + Councillor Training Flyer
- d) Update Chair ECDC Anna Bailey

45/22. MONTHLY PAPERS/BIBIOGRAPHY/ PERIODICALS/ BULLETINS. (LIST TO APPEAR IN MINUTES ONLY)

46/22 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- Monday 11TH April 2022
- Planning Committee 28th March 2022 1pm @ Pavilion.

NOTES:

1. Since the introduction of COVID restrictions on gatherings of people by the Government in March 2020 and up to 4th July 2020 it was not possible to hold standard face-to-face public meetings at the Town Council Offices (Community Room The Pavilion Fountain Lane Soham). This led to a temporary suspension of Soham Town Council's meetings in April 2020. The Coronavirus Act 2020 was implemented and in Regulations made under Section 78 gave Local Authorities the power to hold meetings without it being necessary for any of the participants or audience to be present together in the same room (remotely using Zoom). These temporary Emergency Powers were withdrawn effective 17th May 2021.

2. After 17th May 2021 Soham Town Council will return to face to face meetings and will need to consider the necessity of holding these meetings in public based on Government Advice the importance of matters under consideration and under its own risk assessments. Where it does hold meetings it will make provision for them to proceed safely at the Pavilion. Where conditions cannot be safely met after 17th May 2021 then a decision will be taken by the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman as to whether the monthly council meetings will be able to proceed. The safety of Cllrs, staff and the Public remains of paramount importance.

3. Where face to face meetings proceed at the Pavilion and where members of the Public wish to also attend in person they are requested to inform the town council Office as soon as possible as numbers will, until restrictions are fully lifted, be limited to a maximum number due to capacity of the venue and social distancing requirements. Attendance by the Public will be on a 'first come' basis and priority will be given to those that have previously made a request to speak at the meeting and invited guests such as District and County Cllrs. All members of the Public who attend must be prepared to comply with the town council's hygiene measures on entering and leaving the building and provide contact details for tracing purposes.

4. The Council did continue to allow the public to speak at its remote/virtual meetings held via Zoom up to 17th May 2021. After 17th May 2021 if you wish to speak at any of the planned meetings via a Zoom link you must contact the Clerks office by 10am on the Friday before the day of the meeting and a link will be issued. Where it is not possible to admit a member of the Public due to having reached maximum numbers or where the participant cannot access the Zoom link representation can still be made by written statement which will be read out at the relevant meeting either by the Clerk or the Chairman.

5. At its April 2021 monthly meeting the council approved that where technically possible meetings would continue to be streamed live via Youtube via the generic link <https://www.youtube.com/watch> (the actual entire link code will be provided on summons page (page 1) of the relevant agenda) enabling members of the public to tune in and follow proceedings.

6. Attachments marked in the Agenda as "attached" unless marked "oral" may be requested prior to the meeting as usual from the Clerks office.

7. As normal if the full Council or a Standing Committee wishes to exclude the Public and Press then a resolution to this effect will either be published on the relevant Agenda or where not and a decision is taken during the meeting then a motion duly proposed and seconded will need to be verbally passed stating the following:

"That the Press and public be excluded during the consideration of the remaining item no(s). X because it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present during the item(s) there would be disclosure to them of exempt information of Category X of Part I Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).