

NORTHSTOWE TOWN COUNCIL - FULL COUNCIL

You are hereby summoned to attend the Northstowe Town Council **Full Council Meeting** to be held on **Wednesday 22nd June 2022, 7-9 PM**, at Pathfinder Primary School, Northstowe (Main Hall).

Signed: *Mark Nokkert* 17th June 2022

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The public and press are welcome to attend any Council meeting. If you wish to speak, it is advised to email the Town Clerk to register your request before 5 pm on the day of the meeting; you may speak for up to 3 minutes, under the standing item 'Public Participation' in relation to items on the agenda.

Due to ongoing Coronavirus concerns, the Town Council may limit public attendance at the meeting; any restrictions will be made clear on arrival. If you have Covid or any Covid symptoms, please do not attend.

AGENDA

66/22-23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- 1) To receive any apologies for absence received prior to the meeting.

67/22-23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a) Councillors to declare any pecuniary or personal interest in any items on the agenda.
- b) Councillors to declare any prejudicial interest in any items on the agenda and to inform the Chairman if they wish to speak on the matter during public participation.

68/22-23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- 1) To adjourn the meeting for up to 15 minutes to allow any members of the public, and Councillors declaring a prejudicial interest, to address the meeting in relation to the business to be transacted at that meeting.
- 2) To reconvene the meeting.

69/22-23 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 25TH MAY 2022

- 1) To approve the minutes of the meeting of 25th May 2022 as a true record of that meeting.

70/22-23 ITEMS/RESOLUTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS - UPDATES

- 1) *For information* - To receive updates from the Town Clerk on the following items;
 - 64/22-2(2): update on 26th July 2022 Northstowe Community Forum and NTC's offer; Cllrs to come forward for manning stall.

71/22-23 REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCIL COUNCILLORS

- 1) To receive a report from Cllr Sarah Cheung Johnson & Cllr Alex Malyon, South Cambs. DC.
- 2) To receive a report from Cllr Firouz Thompson, Cambridgeshire County Council.

72/22-23 REPORT FROM SOUTH CAMBS DC'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS

- 1) To receive a report from Mihaela Stan and Kathryn Beck, SCDC Phase 1 & Phase 2 Community Development Officers.

73/22-23 REPORT FROM TOWN CLERK

- 1) To receive a report from Mark Nokkert, Town Clerk to Northstowe Town Council (for May 2022).

74/22-23 COMMITTEE MEETINGS

To receive and note minutes from the following Committee meetings held:

- a) Events and Markets Committee – 7th June 2022 (status: draft)

75/22-23 INTERNAL AUDITOR

- 1) To receive a report from the Clerk on Internal Auditor options (following resolution passed at the 11th May FC meeting, item 33/22-23(2)) (report attached for Cllrs' information).
- 2) To formally appoint the Internal Auditor for 2022/2023.

76/22-23 CO-OPTION OF TOWN COUNCILLORS

- 1) To receive a report with prospective candidates' information who have applied for the four casual vacancies of Town Councillor, following uncontested elections on 5th May 2022 (report attached).
- 2) To receive presentations from candidates present at the meeting, for a maximum of 2 minutes each.
- 3) To vote on who are to be co-opted as Town Councillors, in accordance with the resolution passed under item 55/22-23(3) and the Town Council's Co-Option Policy.
- 4) For those candidates voted in who are present and wish to join as a Councillor straight away, to sign their Declaration of Acceptance of Office and join the Councillors at the meeting.

77/22-23 FEWS LANE CONSORTIUM LTD: PRESENTATION

- 1) To receive a presentation from Few's Lane Consortium, setting out the organisation's plans for a Judicial Review of the SCDC decision to approve 4,000 dwellings and related development at Northstowe Phase 3A, to be followed by time for questions (letter from Few's Lane Consortium attached, dated 15th June 2022),
- 2) To receive and consider x 6 documents (attached) from South Cambs DC's Single Point of Contact for Few's Lane, together with the following statement on behalf of Senior Planning Lawyer, Richard Pitt (as received by NTC on 16th June 2022);
The paragraph below explains the District Councils position in relation to the Judicial Review. This should be read in conjunction with the attached documents which were filed at court last week in defence of this claim by the Council. Also appended is the response by the Applicants, Homes England, to the claim.
As is explained in the Council's Summary Grounds for resisting the claim, the Grounds advanced by FLCL bear no resemblance to those raised in pre-action correspondence by FLCL. The Grounds now raised allege that: (1) a particular Policy (CC/7) on water quality has not been taken into account, when it was contained in a list of policies identified for consideration in the Officer Report; (2) the advice as to deferral was misleading, when there was no proper basis for deferral; (3) the EIA should have included information on water supply issues, when that was not something requested by the Environment Agency; and (4) a Statement of Reasons has not been provided, in circumstances where the Council has now complied with that requirement. The Crowd Funding page appears to refer to one part of one of those grounds, but does not appear to acknowledge the extensive discussion of water quality, supply, and environmental effects which took place at the Committee - a discussion which included FLCL - before the decision was taken by the Committee to approve the application. The Environment Agency also took part in that discussion and confirmed that they did not object. The Council contends that the grounds are unarguable on their merits, and is supported by Homes England in that view.
- 3) To consider NTC's position on the Judicial Review raised by Few's Lane Consortium and its request for a financial contribution towards this legal action.

78/22-23 COMMITTEES - MEMBERSHIP

- 1) For Cllrs to come forward to join any of the under-mentioned, currently active Committees;
 - Finance and Governance: Membership = 8; Seats filled: 5
 - Events and Markets Committee: Membership 8; Seats filled: 5
 - Planning Committee: Membership = 8; Seats filled: 6
 - Personnel Committee: Membership = 6; Seats filled: 5
- 2) To appoint members onto the above-mentioned Committees.

79/22-23 SLCC MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

- 1) To approve the renewal of the annual membership for SLCC, period 1st July 2022 – 30 June 2023. Subscription costs are £327 (budget for £337 in approved '22-'23 budget). To find out more about the benefits of SLCC membership, see [Membership \(slcc.co.uk\)](http://Membership(slcc.co.uk))

80/22-23 MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

To receive information from the Clerk on the following items;

- 1) Update on office solutions for NTC, post-Wing: short term - Wednesdays at NSC; and likely medium-term solution (see also SCDC press release 7th June 2022, [Council invests at Northstowe to provide community facilities - South Cambs District Council \(scambs.gov.uk\)](http://Council%20invests%20at%20Northstowe%20to%20provide%20community%20facilities%20-%20South%20Cambs%20District%20Council%20(scambs.gov.uk))).
- 2) Investment in community facilities Phases 1 and 2, pending SCDC Full Council decision in July – see SCDC press release, 15th June 2022, [Council proposes funds for Northstowe community facilities - South Cambs District Council \(scambs.gov.uk\)](http://Council%20proposes%20funds%20for%20Northstowe%20community%20facilities%20-%20South%20Cambs%20District%20Council%20(scambs.gov.uk)).

81/22-23 UPDATES FROM OUTSIDE BODIES WITH TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATION

To receive and note minutes and/or updates from meetings of the following outside bodies with official Northstowe TC representation;

- a) 12th May 2022 - Phase 1 Open Spaces Steering Group (attended by Cllrs Littlemore and Owen) (minutes attached).
- b) 17th May 2022 at 13:30 - Northstowe Support Partnership (attended by the Clerk) (redacted minutes for NTC attached).
- c) 18th May 2022 – Northstowe Community Networkers (attended by Cllr Owen) (minutes attached).
- d) 20th May - Homes England Quarterly meeting (attended by Cllrs Benedicic and Castelino)
- e) 8th June at 19:00 – Northstowe Community Networkers (no NTC representation) (minutes attached).
- f) 9th June - Northstowe and Longstanton Councillor Meeting – Stagecoach (no NTC representation).
- g) 9th June - Phase 1 Open Spaces Steering Group (attended by Cllrs Bros Sabria and Littlemore).
- h) 13th June - Police and Crime Commissioner. Virtual roundtable meeting (attended by Cllr Susarla).
- i) 14th June – Northstowe Youth Partnership (no NTC representation).

82/22-23 NEW DATES MEETINGS OUTSIDE BODIES WITH TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATION

To note;

- a) 28th June at 09:15 – Northstowe and Longstanton Heritage Steering Group.
- b) 7th July at 10AM: Phase 1 Open Spaces Steering Group.
- c) 19th July at 13:30 – Northstowe Support Partnership.

83/22-23 NEW DATES OTHER MEETINGS WHERE NORTHSTOWE TC IS INVITED

To note;

- a) 27th June – Cabinet-Parish Liaison meeting – times TBC
- b) 26th July 19:00 – 21:00 – Northstowe Community Forum (with 18:00 – 19:00 stalls for partners/agencies including NTC).

84/22-23 DATES OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETINGS

- Full Council: Wed 27th July 2022, 7-9PM – Location TBC [*Finalised motions by 18/07*].
- Full Council: Tue 27th September 2022, 7-9PM – Location TBC [*Finalised motions by 17/09*].

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