



EVESHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that a **MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL** will be held in Council Chamber, Town Hall, Evesham, at 6.30pm on **MONDAY 12th JUNE 2023** to which you are hereby summoned for the transaction of the business specified below. The meeting will be preceded by Prayers led by the Mayor's Chaplain, Revd Caroline Green.

Jo Adams
Town Clerk

AGENDA

1. **Apologies for Absence**
2. **Declarations of pecuniary or other interest in accordance with the Town Council's Code of Conduct, including requests for dispensation (if any)** *Dispensation requests must be received in writing by the Town Clerk prior to the meeting*
3. **Announcements by the Town Mayor**
4. **Minutes of the Previous Meetings**
Minutes of the Meetings held on 15 May/ 22 May 2023 to follow.
5. **Almonry Update**
Verbal report from the Almonry Manager
6. **Festival Grant Funding**
Report attached
7. **Appointments of Council's Representatives to Outside Bodies**
Report attached
8. **Sign to deter bird feeding in the Market Square**
Report attached
9. **Use of Town Hall for Councillors to hold monthly surgeries**
Report at attached
10. **Fencing for Water Park in Abbey Park**
Report attached
11. **Unauthorised HGV parking at Vale Park**
Cllr Deacons report attached
12. **Christmas Lights**
Report attached.



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Admission of the Public and Media

Members of the Public and Media are welcome to attend in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meeting) Act 1960 Section 1.

Public Participation

Public Participation is welcomed and will be in accordance with Standing Order 3(e) to 3(j) on a matter before the Council. It would be helpful if anyone wishing to participate would contact the Town Council on 01386 565700, email townclerk@eveshamtowncouncil.gov.uk, or in person, prior to the meeting.

Recording of Meetings

Under the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 the council's public meetings may be recorded, which includes filming, audio-recording as well as photography.

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Agenda Item 6

Festival Grant Funding

The Town Council has budgeted the sum of £15,000 for Festival Grant Funding. As there is more grant funding requested than budgeted for, the Town Council is asked to decide how they wish to distribute the money.

There have been 3 applications received:

1. Battle of Evesham

Mick Hurst from Battle of Evesham would like the Town Council to consider funding three events which bring in approx. 80,000 visitors to the town. The grant would help to fund the Medieval Market in May, The Battle of Evesham in August and the Artisan Christmas Market in December. The amount requested is £15,000.

2. Wychavon Festival of Brass

Dr Val Trim from Wychavon Festival of Brass would like the Town Council to consider funding for the annual Wychavon Festival of Brass which happens in November each year. Approx. 69 bands are expected to play and, as the event is over a weekend, bands stay overnight in Evesham bringing in an approx. local income around £60,000. The Festival of Brass is requesting a grant of £2,200.

3. Evesham River Festival

Mr Doug Payne from Evesham River Festival Committee would like the Town Council to consider funding for this years Evesham River Festival. The grant would cover insurance, increased security and music expenses. The Evesham Festival Committee are requesting a grant of £4,500.

4. Evesham Music Festival

Lisa Dowdeswell and other businesses in town have asked for funding for a one day Evesham Music Festival in 2024 (date to be confirmed). It is proposed that this will be a free event for families on Corporation Meadow. Evesham Music Festival are requesting a grant of £5000.

The Town Council is asked to decide how they wish to distribute the grant money.



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APPOINTMENTS OF COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Members have already received information on what each organisation does.

Next to each organisation are the number of members required: -

Name of Organisation	Number of members required
Estate Charity of John Rudge	2
Evesham Relief in Need Charity	2
Vale Volunteers	2
*John Martin's Charity	2
*Great & Little Hampton Education Charity	1
Vale Public Transport Group	1
Worcestershire CALC	1

Representatives will be bound by the rules and regulations of the bodies/organisations to which they are appointed.



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Signs to deter bird feeding in the Market Square

The Civic Society has contacted the council to ask if it would put its name to signs that ask residents not to feed the birds in the Market Square and around the Town Hall. The Civic Society has confirmed that it is happy to supply and put up the signs, it asks that the Town Council's name and crest are printed on the signs.

One of the main sources of pigeon-related problems in urban areas is deliberate and persistent over-feeding of pigeons by a small number of people who normally feed large quantities of high quality food 7 days a week. This is also the case in Evesham. These residents have been approached and asked to feed birds elsewhere but this has not been successful.

There is a perception when feeding birds that it helps birds find food that would otherwise be difficult for them in town centres, but in reality, the constant availability of food has the effect of greatly increasing pigeon numbers and making the problem of bird mess on benches, outdoor seating and streets worse.

The Town Hall's window boxes, downpipes and clock tower have all been colonised by nesting pigeons and if residents can be encouraged to feed pigeons in more rural locations then these problems could be minimised.

The Council is asked if it supports the signs to deter bird feeding in the Market Square.



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Use of the Town Hall for Councillors to hold monthly surgeries.

A request has been made for Councillors to be able to hold monthly surgeries in the hall free of charge.

The surgeries will need to be booked 12 months in advance and suitable times/days to be agreed.

Looking at the town hall diary, Tuesday evenings between 5pm and 6pm are generally available and Thursday day time 10am to 11am are also available.

The Council would need to consider what to do if a chargeable booking comes along which clashes with the surgery.

The Council is asked to agree for Councillors to use the town hall free of charge for monthly surgeries at times/days to be set and what action Officers should take if a chargeable booking clashes with a planned surgery



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Fencing for Water Park in Abbey Park

Since the installation of the Water Park unveiled recently by Wychavon District Council members of the public have asked on social media for a fence to be erected around the park to deter animals from entering the area for hygienic reasons. The Water Park is owned and administered by Wychavon District Council

Cllr Gailey would like to take a lead on this.

The Council is asked if

- 1. It supports the request for a fence around the water park and if so,**
- 2. If it wishes to request that the District Councillors make this request to Wychavon.**



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Unauthorised long term parking of HGV's on Vale Park and Four Pools Retail Areas.

I have been approached by Shaun Sinclair of R Sinclair Transport to raise the possibility of requesting the support of the Town Council in petitioning relevant authorities to deal with the increasing problem of HGV's being parked illegally on roads on Vale Park for long periods over weekends and other extended periods, in particular on Millennium Way and Enterprise Way. This is also an issue in the area of Morrisons Supermarket. Shaun has raised this with me as a representative of a number of businesses which are affected by this.

Under the terms of an Operators Licence vehicles should be parked at the operators authorised Operating Centre overnight or at weekends unless on a delivery schedule requiring overnight stays. It is the responsibility of the Operator to ensure that this is complied with and the Operator can be punished by revocation or reduction of the number of vehicles on their licence if the rules are broken.

There is a growing number of vehicles and unattended trailers being left in the areas stated above which is causing inconvenience to businesses on Vale Park and causing some parts of the road network on the park to become single file roads.

I have visited the estate and observed the problem and it is also contributing to damage to grass verges and paving on the estate as legitimate vehicles making deliveries to Vale Park businesses are having to mount the kerbs to navigate round these illegally parked vehicles to premises.

Whilst it is acknowledged that this issue is not one over which the Town Council has direct influence, I have been asked to raise this at Council to engender support and for the Town Council to write to the relevant authorities requesting that they agree to investigate the problem and take appropriate action to resolve it.

In this instance I believe that the relevant authorities would be Wychavon District Council and The West Midlands Traffic Commissioner.

The council is asked if it wishes to support the request to contact Wychavon, County and The West Midlands Traffic Commissioner to ask that the problem be addressed and preventative action put in place.



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Agenda Item 12

Christmas Lights

The contract with SparkX has expired and as there is a new council it has been suggested that the contract be extended by one year and a new working group set up to discuss the towns requirement for 2024.

The Council is asked if it wishes to extend the contract by one year with SparkX.