



## Notice of the next Council Meeting

Members of the Public and the Press are invited to attend all Council Meetings  
(Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960)

Dear Councillors,

You are hereby summoned to attend the following meeting:

**Meeting of... Environment Committee**

**Place... Bridgwater Room**

**Date... Wednesday, January 24, 2024**

**Time... 10:00**

Councillors will be discussing all the items listed overleaf on the Agenda.

Yours faithfully

David Mears

**David Mears FdA FSLCC**

**Town Clerk**

**18 January 2024**

**(Prior to the start of the meeting)**

**Questions and comments from members of the public**

This provides an opportunity for members of the public (who are not usually permitted to speak during the meeting except by special invitation of the Chairman) to participate before the start of the meeting by asking questions, raising concerns, or making comments on matters affecting Bridgwater. No decision can be taken during this session<sup>1</sup>, but the Chairman may decide to refer any matters raised for further consideration.

<sup>1</sup>N.B Councils cannot lawfully decide items of business that is not specified in the summons/agenda (LGA1972 Sch 12, paras 10(2)(b) and Longfield Parish Council v Wright (1918) 88 LJ Ch 119).

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If you are recording the meeting, you are asked to act in a reasonable manner and not disrupt the conduct of meetings, for example by using intrusive lighting, flash photography or asking people to repeat statements for the benefit of the recording. You may not make an oral commentary during the meeting. The Chairman has the power to control public recording and/or reporting so it does not disrupt the meeting. Recording must be clearly visible to anyone at the meeting

# **A G E N D A**

**ENV2024-1 - To receive Apologies for Absence (LGA 1972 s85 (1))**

**ENV2024-2 - Declarations of Interest**

Members to declare any interests, including Disclosable Pecuniary Interests they may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Town Council's Code of Conduct and to consider any prior requests from members for Dispensations that accord with Localism Act 2011 s33(b-e) (NB this does not preclude any later declarations)

**ENV2024-3 - To receive, approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting held on 18 October 2023 (LGA 1972 sch 12, para 41(1**

**ENV2024-4 - To note the Action List**

**ENV2024-5 - Parks and Open Spaces**

To receive options for new bins

**ENV2024-6 - To receive an update from the Clerk on the results of the Tree Survey**

**ENV2024-7 - To receive an update from the Cemeteries Supervisor**

**ENV2024-8 - To receive a report from the Facilities Manager on Allotments**

**ENV2024-9 - To receive a first draft of the Climate and Environment Strategy**

**ENV2024-10 - Seed the Day**

To receive an update from Cllr Pearce.

**ENV2024-11 - To receive an oral update from Cllr Pearce regarding SALC and Health and Wellbeing and where grants are available**

**ENV2024-12 - Date of the next meeting**

Wednesday 27 March 2024

***End of Agenda***

**Committee Members:**

Councillors: Kathy Pearce (Chair), Irena Hubble, Liz Leavy, Rachel Lilley, Dave Loveridge, Richard Morgan, Tim Mander, Jacqui Solomon and Mick-Lerry (Ex Officio).