



Notice of the next Council Meeting

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(Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960)

Dear Councillors,

You are hereby summoned to attend the following meeting:

Meeting of... Planning Committee
Place... Bridgwater Room
Date... Thursday, February 22, 2024
Time... 11:00

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

Yours faithfully

Lorna Williams

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Democratic Services Officer

15 February 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 session¹, but the Chairman may decide to refer any matters raised for further consideration.

¹N.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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AGENDA

PL2024/15 - To receive Apologies for Absence and to approve the reasons given (LGA 1972 s85 (1))

PL2024/16 - Declarations of interests

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)

PL2024/17 - To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Planning Meeting held on Thursday 1 February 2024

PL2024/18 - Planning Applications

PL2024/18.1 - Planning application number: 08/23/00375/POA

Planning application number: [08/23/00375/POA](#) Proposal: Variations of Condition 2 of Planning Permission 08/22/00040 (Replacement of existing timber & aluminium windows with black aluminium windows.) to vary approved plans listed in schedule A. **Location:** St Marys Court, Silver Street, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6 3EG

PL2024/18.2 - Planning application number: 08/24/00004/CM

Planning application number: [08/24/00004/CM](#) Proposal: Erection of a single storey extension to the rear (South) elevation, single storey extension to the existing side (West) garage. Erection of 2No. outbuildings and existing outbuilding to be demolished. **Location:** 23 Durleigh Road, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6 7HX

PL2024/18.3 - Planning application number: 08/24/00021/CM

Planning application number: [08/24/00021/CM](#) Proposal: Erection of a detached single storey annex. **Location:** 1 Hawkridge Road, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6 7NE

PL2024/18.4 - Planning application number: 08/24/00022/CM

Planning application number: [08/24/00022/CM](#) Proposal: Erection of a two storey extension to the East elevation with a single storey extension to the North elevation, with the installation of roof dormers to the front South and rear North elevations. Demolition of rear garage and alterations to the access and driveway. **Location:** 76 Willoughby Road, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6 7NA

PL2024/18.5 - Planning application number: 09/24/00001/POA

Planning application number: [09/24/00001/POA](#) Proposal: Variation of Condition 1 of Planning Permission Application No. 09/21/00036 (Approval of the details of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale, for the erection of 260no. dwellings, associated infrastructure including a new roundabout, on site of existing buildings and structures (to be

demolished)). To vary approved plans listed in schedule A. **Location:** Bower Farm, Bower Lane, Bridgwater, TA6 4TY

PL2024/18.6 - Planning application number: 08/24/00027/POA

Planning application number: [08/24/00027/POA](#) **Proposal:** Change of use of existing Offices to 8No. bedroom House of Multiple Occupation. **Location:** 16 Northgate, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6 3EU

PL2024/18.7 - Planning application number: 08/24/00007/JMS

Planning application number: [08/24/00007/JMS](#) **Proposal:** Erection of single store extension to West elevation. **Location:** 64 Longstone Avenue, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6 4LL

PL2024/19 - To note the following Planning Applications

PL2024/19.1 - Planning application number: 08/24/00023/SR

Planning application number: [08/24/00023/SR](#) **Proposal:** Crown reduce height/spread of 1No. Red Oak (T9) (TPO Ref T9) by 2m. Crown reduce height/spread of 1No. Silver Birch (T13) (TPO Ref T13) by 2m back to previous reduction points. **Location:** 16 Furze Close, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6 7AN

PL2024/19.2 - Planning application number: 08/24/00024/POA

Planning application number: [08/24/00024/POA](#) **Proposal:** Certificate of lawfulness for the proposed erection of rear dormer extension and installation of two front roof slope roof-lights to facilitate loft conversion. **Location:** 97 Fairfax Road, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6 4LS

PL2024/20 - To note Planning Application decided under scheme of delegation

Planning application number: [08/24/00020/JMS](#) **Proposal:** Erection of a two storey side extension to the South elevation and single storey rear extension to the West elevation. **Location:** 4 Dorset Road, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6 5PP

Comment: No Comment

PL2024/21 - To note the updated comment for a new Premises Licence

Application for a new Premises Licence: The Perfect shop Ltd – 13, High Street, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6 3BE (Formerly Subway)

Comment: Bridgwater Town Centre particularly between Penel Orlieu and the Blake Statue has been identified by Avon and Somerset Police as a hotspot for Youth Crime whilst there remains an ongoing issue of Anti-Social behaviour linked to an increasing number of street drinkers. It is the Town Council's view that granting a liquor licence to another Town Centre shop unit will lead to an increased amount of crime and disorder and therefore endanger public safety as a direct result of the ready sale of alcohol. Having liquor readily available to purchase on an off-licence basis will encourage street drinkers to hang around the Town Centre and further increase tensions between gangs of young teenage children and the adult street drinkers this could lead to a greater degree of public nuisance. Both the Police and Town Wardens have been working hard to defuse tensions and tackle the unruly

behaviour that is far too common in and around the Town Centre. Granting a licence to sell alcohol on an off-licence basis could undermine the hard work being put in by the various agencies, particularly in respect of protecting children from harm, the Town Council therefore strongly objects to the grant of a new licence to sell alcohol at No 13 High Street.

PL2024/22 - To note the date of the Licensing Sub-Committee Hearing

Further to objections to a new premises license, Bridgwater Town Council's Planning Committee has been invited to the Licensing Sub-Committee Hearing on Monday 4th March 2024 at 2.00pm in the Sedgemoor Room, Bridgwater House, King Square, Bridgwater, TA6 3AR

End of Agenda

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Councillors: Tim Mander (Chair), Dave Loveridge, Irena Hubble, Jacqui Solomon, Liz Leavy, Mick Lerry, Rachel Lilley, Richard Morgan, Suria Aujla, and Tony Heywood