

Council meeting: Wednesday, 27 January 2016

Notice is hereby given that an ordinary meeting of Warwick District Council will be held at the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa on Wednesday, 27 January 2016 at 6.05pm.

Emergency Procedure

At the commencement of the meeting, the Chairman will announce the emergency procedure for the Town Hall.

Agenda

1. **Apologies for Absence**
2. **Declarations of Interest**

Members to declare the existence and nature of interests in items on the agenda in accordance with the adopted Code of Conduct. Declarations should be entered on the form to be circulated with the attendance sheet and declared during this item. However, the existence and nature of any interest that subsequently becomes apparent during the course of the meeting must be disclosed immediately. If the interest is not registered, Members must notify the Monitoring Officer of the interest within 28 days.

Members are also reminded of the need to declare predetermination on any matter.

If Members are unsure about whether or not they have an interest, or about its nature, they are strongly advised to seek advice from officers prior to the meeting.

3. **Minutes**

To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 18 November 2015 (Pages 1 – 5) and 13 January 2016 (Pages 6 – 7).

4. **Communications and Announcements**

5. **Petitions**

To consider the following petition, which has gained over 500 signatures, submitted to the Council by the Friends of St Nicholas Park:

"We, the undersigned, petition Warwick District Council to fully restore to their previous condition the grassed areas in St. Nicholas Park which have been treated and killed with weedkiller, as soon as possible.

St Nicholas Park is a cherished recreation resource for local residents and visitors to Warwick, and is designated as a public recreation space by Warwick District Council. We note that WDC have current policies to encourage residents to take more physical exercise and therefore should logically not make their parks less accessible to the public for recreation.

Large areas of the open, grassed areas in St. Nicholas Park have apparently, been deliberately killed by Warwick District Council in preparation for the planting of "wild flower" meadows. We believe that the locations chosen are inappropriate for this type of planting and that consequently much of the grassed areas will be inaccessible to park users for their recreation.

We are concerned that the views of the Friends of St. Nicholas Park and Warwick Town Council have been ignored regarding these major changes.

We are also surprised that our Ward Councillors have not had an opportunity to debate the issues and the impact of the changes on park users.

We expect WDC and our elected Councillors to act as the stewards for our parks, protecting them from further development and drawing up policies which encourage greater use and participation by local residents."

6. **Notices of Motion**

7. **Public Submissions**

8. **Leader's and Portfolio Holders' Statements**

9. **Questions to the Leader of the Council & Portfolio Holders**

10. **Report of the Executive**

To consider reports of the Executive meetings on:

(1) 4 November 2015

(Pages 1 - 30)

(2) 2 December 2015

(Pages 31 - 55)

(3) Excerpt of the meeting on 13 January 2016

(Pages 56 to 101)

11. **Report of the Planning Committee (Public Speaking)**

To consider an excerpt of the minutes of Planning Committee meeting held on 8 December 2015.

(Pages 1 to 2)

12. **Attendances at meetings report**

To receive a report outlining the attendance of members at Council, Executive, Committee and Sub-Committee meetings between 20 May 2015 and 31 December 2015 **(Pages 1 to 7)**

13. **Public and Press**

To consider resolving that under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 that the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item by reason of the likely disclosure of exempt information within the relevant paragraphs of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

14. **Confidential Executive Report**

To consider reports of the confidential report of the Executive meetings on

(1) 4 November 2015

(Pages 1 – 3)

(2) 2 December 2015

(Pages 4 – 9)

(Not for publication)

15. **Common Seal**

To authorise the affixing of the Common Seal of the Council to such deeds and documents as may be required for implementing decisions of the Council arrived at this day.



Chief Executive

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