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### To Members of the Council

You are hereby summoned by the Chairman to take part in an Ordinary Meeting.

# Wednesday 17th January 2024 at 7.45pm in the Abridge Village Hall.

Members of the public and press are invited to be present, and the following business will be transacted.

Tony Carter Clerk to the Council

A. Carter

12th January 2024

# **AGENDA**

# 1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence and vote to accept them.

### 2) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive declarations of interest from Members in any item on the agenda, in accordance with the Members Code of Conduct.

## 3) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

To hear representations from members of the public.

The maximum time allowed for this item is 15 minutes, at the close of this item members of the public will no longer be permitted to address the Council unless asked/invited by the Chairman.

# 4) MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Council meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

# 5) CLERKS REPORT

To note the Clerk's written/verbal report of the last month and any relevant correspondence.

### 6) PLANNING

EPF/2668/23 - Melden, 65 London Road, Lambourne, Romford, RM4 1XH

EPF/2673/23 - 40, London Road, Lambourne, Romford, RM4 1UX

EPF/0027/24 - 221, Arnolds Farm, Ongar Road, Lambourne, Romford, RM4 1RH

# 7) LONDON ROAD SPEED CHECKS

To review the data supplied by Clerk and discuss how it can be used to move forward.

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# 8) REPORT FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

To note any report from District and County Councillors

# 9) HIGHWAYS REPORT

To note any new Highways matters.

# 10) NEW PARISH COUNCILLORS

To discuss any new potential Councillors.

# 11) FINGER POST HOE LANE/MANOR ROAD

To arrange collection from Joiner and how to move forward.

## 12) 2024/2025 PRECEPT

To make any amendments and agree the Precept for 2024/2025.

# **13) PRECEPT DEMAND FOR 2024/2025**

To demand the figure required as the 24/25 Precept.

# 14) 2024 / 2025 TAX BASE FIGURE

To confirm the tax base figure for 24/25

# 15) CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

To note any report from the Lights committee of this year's lights.

# 16) CLOCK AT ABRIDGE CHURCH

To receive and update regarding the Clock from Cllr M Drewe.

## 17) REPORT OF RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER

- a) To authorise payment of cheques listed on RFO Report
- b) To note Bank Reconciliation

# **18) INFORMATION EXCHANGE**

For Councillors to raise any issues to be considered for the next meeting.

It is proposed the meeting move into private session for the remainder of the items to be discussed. (Public Bodies [Admissions to Meetings] Act 1960)

# 20) APPOINTMENT OF WORKNEST FOR EMPLOYMENT MATTERS

To discuss and provide a decision on the appointment of HR Company 'Worknest' to support the Council with the Appeal from the Clerk to the Grievance response given by LPC.

# 21) DATE OF NEXT MEETING/AGM – WEDNESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2024 – MEETING IN THE ABRIDGE VILLAGE HALL.

### 22) CLOSE OF MEETING