

To ALL MEMBERS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

You are hereby summoned to attend a Meeting of **Rye Town Council** to be held on **Monday 22 March 2021, 6.30pm**.

The meeting will be held via the Zoom video conferencing platform. Members of the public wishing to attend should request the joining details by emailing townhall@ryetowncouncil.gov.uk no later than noon on the day of the meeting and provide their name and Zoom user name (if different – and if known).

It is proposed to transact the business set out below:

<i>Chairman/Mayor</i>	Councillor Rebekah Gilbert, Speaker of the Cinque Ports
<i>Host</i>	Richard Farhall, Town Clerk
<i>Co-Host</i>	Jessica Neame, Deputy Town Clerk

77 PRAYERS

Prayers will be said by The Reverend Fiona Gill, Minister, Rye Baptist Church.

78 APOLOGIES

To accept any apologies for absence.

79 CODE OF CONDUCT

To receive any declarations of interest required under the Council's Code of Conduct – and to consider any written applications made by Members to the Clerk for a dispensation to allow them to participate in, and vote on, an agenda item for which they have a Disclosable Interest.

80 COUNCIL MINUTES

To approve and to authorise the Chairman to sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 22 February 2021 (C11).

The Mayor to adjourn the meeting for up to 45 minutes for:

- a) A Mayoral Update*
- b) Appointment of the Deputy Mayor Elect for 2021-22*
- c) The Report of the Rye County Councillor*
- d) The Report/s of the Rye District Councillors*
- e) Public questions/contributions*

81 PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER (ASB)

To note that the Rother PSPO expires 28 November 2021, that Rother District Council is minded to make another – and to consider whether the current provisions applicable to Rye should be renewed. **Clerk**

82 JOHN RYAN MEMORIAL GARDEN

To note that the Sussex Community Rail Partnership has now secured all funding necessary to install a fingerpost in the Garden and has invited the Council to suggest places to point towards and/or text.

Note There will be 4 fingers of two lines each. One line will point towards the 1066 Country Walk. **Clerk**

83 ELECTION OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY 2021-22

To consider:

- a) Moving the election of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor from 11am on Monday 3 May 2021 (Bank Holiday) to 6.30pm Tuesday 4 May 2021; and
- b) Bringing forward Committee Formation from 10 May 2021 to 4 May 2021 (in order to hold a combined meeting).

Notes: Currently, the last day that councils may hold remote meetings is 6 May 2021. NALC is recommending that councils bring forward as much 'important' business as possible. The proposed Council meeting on 4 May would entail no ceremonial aspects (which are non-statutory).

84 CASUAL VACANCY

To seek to fill the vacancy by co-option.

Applicants Jonathan Dellar
 William Everett
 Bernardine Fiddimore
 Neil Sadler
 Sue Learoyd Smith

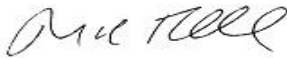
- a) Each candidate will be invited – in alphabetical order (by last name) – to speak to their application for up to 3 minutes. (A candidate may decline to take this opportunity.)
- b) The Chairman of the meeting will invite Members to ask each candidate up to 3 questions.
- c) When instructed, Members shall vote for their preferred candidate by sending a private Zoom 'chat' message to the Clerk – or by some other means agreed with the Clerk in advance of the meeting.

The candidate with the least number of votes after each round of voting shall be struck off, until one candidate remains with an absolute majority – ie more votes than the combined total of the candidates remaining.

Note The successful candidate cannot act as a Councillor until they have signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office before the Clerk (this will be undertaken in a COVID-safe manner on a later date).
Clerk

ROBES WILL NOT BE WORN

Supporting/Associated documents distributed with this agenda		
80 Minutes	81 Current Order	84 Applications; Co-option Procedure (Amended)



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