



Garstang Town Council

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Full Council Extraordinary Meeting, 13th May 2025 Agenda

Councillors and members of the press & public

You are summoned to attend the meeting of the Council to consider the items detailed on the attached agenda.

The meeting will be held at Garstang library,
Windsor Road, Garstang, PR3 1EX
on Tuesday, 13 May 2025 at 7.30pm.

If you are unable to attend please could you submit an apology to the Clerk.

Members of the public and press are invited to attend the meeting

Please contact the Clerk by 13.00, Tuesday, 13 May 2025, to express your interest in attending the virtual meeting.

Recording of Public Council Meetings

Please be aware that the public meeting may be recorded for the accuracy of the minutes.

As per standing orders 12g; for any meeting that has been recorded the recording will be kept for a period of 6 months after the minutes have been approved as accurate before the recording is deleted.

E Parry
Town Clerk
7 May 2025

Agenda

1) **Apologies for absence**

To receive apologies for absence.

2) **Declaration of Interests and Dispensations**

To receive disclosures of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests and dispensation requests from Councillors on matters to be considered at the meeting.

3) **Public participation**

The Mayor will ask Councillors to agree to adjourn the meeting to allow non-Councillors to speak and will ask Councillors to agree to reconvene the meeting on the conclusion of the public participation.

The Clerk is reminding Councillors of standing orders applying to public question time:

3e Members of the public may make representations, answer questions and give evidence at a meeting which they are entitled to attend in respect of the business on the agenda.

3h In accordance with standing order 3(e), a question shall not require a response at the meeting nor start a debate on the question. The chairman of the meeting may direct that a written or oral response be given.

3f The period of time designated for public participation at a meeting in accordance with standing order 3(e) shall not exceed 15 minutes unless directed by the chairman of the meeting.

4) **Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 - Exclusion of the Press and Public**

Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act, the Council may resolve to exclude the press and public to discuss the following items relating to the co-option of Town Councillors. It is anticipated that the press and public will be excluded for the presentations. This advice has been received from LALC to maintain the possible confidentiality of applicant's personal details.

5) **Town Councillor vacancies; opportunity to meet the candidates – for information**

Two applications have been received for the 4 Town Councillor vacancies.

The 2 applicants attending are:

1. 19.35 Helen Hesketh, Hampshire Avenue, Bowgreave

2. 19.50 Jennifer Lee-Bromley, Byerworth Lane South, Bowgreave

They will give a short presentation (3 minutes) on why they would like to become a Town Councillor and there will be an opportunity for Councillors to ask any questions. Detailed in the Appendix is a statement detailing why they wish to stand as a Town Councillor. Supporting information (confidential to Councillors only, to comply with GDPR) has been circulated with the agenda paper.

- 6) **Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 - Re-admission of the Press and Public (estimated time 20.05)**
To resolve that the confidential business, of applicant's personal details being disclosed, having been concluded, the press and public be re-admitted to the meeting.
- 7) **Voting on appointments – for decision**
As outlined in standing orders, point 8, the Council will vote to fill the Town Council vacancies.

Appendix

Item 5: Supporting information from candidates

Helen Hesketh, Hampshire Avenue, Bowgreave

Please tell us your reasons for wishing to become a Town Councillor?

I am now at a point in my home and professional life where I have the opportunity to give a little more time to support the community in which I have lived for my entire life.

I am not a stranger to voluntary roles having previously both led and supported community and fund-raising events for Scorton village where I lived for 20 years.

As a teacher and headteacher I am familiar with many of the aspects of the work as a town councillor and believe that I have transferable skills and experience:

- Leadership skills to listen to varied opinions and guiding community projects and initiatives.
- Experience of implementation of policies and regulations.
- Building relationships with a wide range of people from different walks of life.
- Experience in governance, public speaking, and conflict resolution.
- Championing causes and driving positive change.
- Promoting open and accountable governance, ensuring that decisions are made in the best interest of the community.
- Tackling local challenges creatively and collaboratively, finding effective solutions to community problems.

I have seen how the Town Council has evolved in recent years to reach out to the community. I would welcome the opportunity to make a tangible difference, addressing local issues and improving residents' quality of life on a non-party political level.

Jennifer Lee-Bromley, Byerworth Lane South, Bowgreave

Please tell us your reasons for wishing to become a Town Councillor?

I care deeply about the future of Garstang and want to play an active role in supporting the community. Having lived and worked in areas where local decisions directly shaped people's lives and livelihoods, I understand how important it is to have committed individuals contributing at the local level. I see this as an opportunity to give back—using my time, experience, and energy to help ensure the town remains a place where people feel heard, supported, and proud to live. I want to be part of shaping decisions that reflect the needs of residents and contribute to Garstang's long-term wellbeing.