



Garstang Town Council

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Full Council Extraordinary Meeting, 14th April 2026 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, 14 April 2026 at 6.30pm.

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, 14 April 2026, 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
9 April 2026

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) **Lengthsman Expansion Project, Councillor Pearson – for decision**
(40 minutes has been allocated for this agenda item)

Reports have been circulated to councillors. One has been marked confidential as it contains information relating to contracts and personnel that are not yet in the public domain.

The press and public may be excluded from the meeting if specific contracts or staffing matters are examined in detail.

Further to March's Town Council meeting, the circulated reports update Full Council on the proposed equipment investment required to support the development of the Parish Maintenance Service and associated finance implications.

Figures presented are those known as of 07/04/26 and are based on delivery of a Tier 3 service. The proposal is based on the HP (financed) model.

The investment is intended to improve service delivery, increase operational resilience, support existing contracts, and create capacity for future growth. Across all service areas, the value for money case is based on three linked outcomes: safer working, faster delivery, and longer equipment life through using the right tool for the right job.

Proposal: That the Town Council resolves to purchase the Tier 3 equipment at an Asset value of £46,025.06.

The Clerk is advising that item 5 is scheduled to start at 7.30pm.

5) **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.

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

Two applications have been received for the 3 Town Councillor vacancies.

The 2 applicants attending are:

1. 19.35pm David Hodgson, Heald Croft, Garstang
2. 19.50pm Gavin Kelly, Blackthorn Avenue, Catterall

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.

7) **Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 - Re-admission of the Press and Public**

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.

8) **Voting on appointments – for decision**

As outlined in standing orders, point 8, the Council will vote to fill the Town Council vacancies.

Appendix

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

David Hodgson

Garstang & District Lions

During the last 15 years I have been a Garstang Lion serving the unique needs of the communities in which we live, organising events and raising funds for local causes and individuals in the Garstang Area.

In addition, I have also used my knowledge & skills to serve the community by ensuring that the Lions Community Bonfire and Firework Display, the Remembrance Sunday Parade and other Garstang Events go without incident.

Now I am retired and have more time to serve the needs of the community I believe that becoming a councillor would be an extension of what I have already achieved with the Lions and other events and committees I am currently involved with.

Garstang & District Children's Festival

During the last 10 years I have been an active committee member of the Children's Festival acting as Chief Steward in closing the roads for the procession and managing health & safety on the day.

Gavin Kelly

Now retired, and having spare time, I felt it was appropriate to try to help contribute towards the well-being of my local community.