TENTERDEN TOWN COUNCIL

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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Notice is given that a special meeting of the Town Council will be held in the Assembly Room at the Town Hall on **TUESDAY 29TH AUGUST 2017** which will begin at **7.00pm**.

All Councillors are summoned to attend for the purpose of considering and resolving upon the business to be transacted as set out hereunder.



∼ Phil Burgess, Town Clerk.

Councillors Serving:

M. Carter, (2) Mrs. J. Curteis, (3) H. Edwards, (4) Mrs. S. Ferguson (Deputy Town Mayor), (5) Miss N. Gooch,
M. Hickmott, (7) R. Isworth, (8) R. Knight, (9) C. Knowles, (10) Dr. L. Lovelidge, (11) R. Lusty,
K. Mulholland, (13) J. Nelson (Town Mayor), (14) Mrs. P. Smith, (15) A. Sugden and (16) T. Thorpe.

AGENDA

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED AT THIS MEETING.

- 3. **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND COUNCILLORS.** Residents may speak as of right on any matter for no more than 3 minutes subject to stating their full name and address before speaking.
- 4. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**. To receive, and if approved, adopt the decisions, recommendations and reports of the committees as described hereunder; Subject to any specific questions or objections, the Minutes and Reports of the under-mentioned Committees will be taken as *read and, if duly seconded at this meeting, the delegated decisions within those minutes will be approved and adopted as part of the proceedings of this section of the Town Council meeting. The following committee recommendations listed below shall now be voted on by a show of hands; *if circulated to Councillors no later than the day of service of the summons to attend the scheduled meeting.

Planning Committee; 14th August 2017.

Committee recommendations:

Minute 6661 – ABC Local Plan To 2030; Tenterden Town Council Response.

It was agreed that the following response would be made to the Local Plan consultation:

- (a) Tent1b should return to the original allocation of 175 houses
- (b) A low-cost workers car park could be included on that development provided measures were introduced near the town centre to deter worker parking in residential areas.
- (c) Include the Wates development in the Local Plan conditional on the sports pitches and facilities proposed by the Sports Review group being provided at the outset of the development; this would compensate for not increasing the density of the proposed Tent1B development, probably render the Pope House Farm site unnecessary and add more provision overall to make the Local Plan more robust.

- (d) The council was not in favour of the Pope House Farm development. However, this decision should remain with High Halden Parish; it was hoped that allocating the Wates site would make this development unnecessary.
- (e) Section 106 payments from the developers should provide for:
 - (i) additional GP and healthcare facilities;
 - (ii) increased primary school capacity;
 - (iii) High Street improvements to streamline traffic flow without letting through traffic dominate the use of the High Street as a local facility;
 - (iv) extra provision for parking near the High Street, by introducing decking in one or more existing car parks;
 - (v) improved sports facilities if the Wates development (item c above) does not go ahead and, ideally, a country park facility (which Wates have said could be incorporated in their proposed development).

It was also agreed that the town council should seek confirmation from the borough planning officers of the extent to which, if an allocated site in Tenterden was not developed in the planned timeframe, alternative provision would be required in Tenterden rather than elsewhere in the borough, bearing in mind the principle that all development should be "absorbable" by the community where it is located.

End.