



Walsall Council

Dear Councillor,

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Council of the Metropolitan Borough of Walsall to be held on **MONDAY the 22ND day of SEPTEMBER, 2014 at 6.00 p.m.** at the Council House, Walsall.

Dated this 12th September, 2014.

Yours sincerely,

Chief Executive.

The business to be transacted is as follows:

1. To elect a person to preside if the Mayor and Deputy Mayor are not present.
2. Apologies.
3. To approve as correct records and sign the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 16th June, 24th June and 11th August 2014.
4. Declarations of interest.
5. **Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985 (as amended):**

To agree that the public be excluded from the private session during consideration of the agenda items indicated for the reasons shown on the agenda. There are no items to be considered in private session.
6. Mayor's announcements.
7. To receive any petitions.

8. Petitions:

(a) Council pitch fees

- (i) The following petition containing over 1,500 signatures was submitted to Council on 14th April 2014 by Councillor Bird on behalf of the Walsall Junior Football League:

“Opposition to proposed increase in Council pitch fees from season 2014/15 by 300%.”

- (ii) Report reproduced in the reports booklet for this meeting.

(b) Pedestrian crossings for Shire Oak

- (i) The following on-line petition containing over 1,500 signatures has been received:

“To highlight to Walsall MBC the need for pedestrian crossings on Chester Road and an update to Lindon Road’s zebra crossing.”

- (ii) Report reproduced in the reports booklet for this meeting.

(Note: The Council’s petitions scheme states:

“**Council debate** - If a petition contains at least 1,500 signatures it will be debated at a meeting of the Council. This means that the issue raised in the petition will be discussed at a meeting to which all Councillors can attend and speak. The Council will endeavour to consider the petition at its next meeting although on some occasions this may not be possible and consideration will then take place at the following meeting. The petition organiser will be given 5 minutes to present the petition at the meeting and the petition will then be discussed by Councillors for a maximum of 15 minutes. The Council will decide how to respond to the petition at this meeting. They may decide to take the action that the petition requests; not to take the action requested for reasons put forward in the debate, or to ask for further information. Where the issue is one where the Cabinet are required to make the final decision the Council will decide to make recommendations to the Cabinet. The petition organiser will receive written confirmation of this decision and this will be published on our website.”)

9. To answer any questions in accordance with Council procedure rules:

(a) From the public

Mr. D. Allcock - Public conveniences in Willenhall

“I would like to know the reasons why you have knocked down the only public conveniences in Willenhall, without any consultation with the towns people?”

(b) From members of the Council - None

10. To note the result of the by-election for the **Birchills-Leamore Ward** held on 24th July 2014 as follows:

Names of candidates	No. of votes Polled	Candidate elected
Gazanfar Ali	710	
Christopher Jones	1075	Christopher Jones
Chris Newey	20	
Paul White	445	

Turnout 22.4%

11. **Revision of Constitution and timetable of meetings.** Report reproduced in the reports booklet for this meeting.

12. **Members appointed to the Executive.** Schedule of portfolio responsibilities reproduced in the reports booklet for this meeting for information.

13. **Appoint of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Committees.**

(Note: Document to be circulated prior to the meeting.)

14. **Appointment of representatives to outside bodies and charities.** List of bodies and charities requiring appointments reproduced in the reports booklet for this meeting.

15. **Annual scrutiny report 2013/14.** Report reproduced in the reports booklet for this meeting.

16. **Annual report of Audit Committee 2013/14.** Report reproduced in the reports booklet for this meeting. .

17. To confirm the following recommendation of the **Audit Committee:**

Proposed remit of the Audit Committee

That the Constitution be amended to reflect the proposed changes.

(Note: Report to Audit Committee on 16th July 2014 reproduced in the reports booklet for this meeting.)

18. **Guidance on Honorary Freemen.** Report reproduced in the reports booklet for this meeting.

19. **Changes in membership of Committees:**

- (a) **Planning Committee:** To note that Councillor D. Shires has replaced Councillor Barker for the remainder of the municipal year.
- (b) **Licensing and Safety Committee:** To note that Councillor Barker has replaced Councillor D. Shires for the remainder of the municipal year.