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20<sup>th</sup> May 2024

## AGENDA

Dear Councillor

You are summoned to:

**Extraordinary Meeting of Warminster Town Council**  
**to be held on**  
**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 6.30pm**  
**at the Civic Centre, Sambourne Road, Warminster, BA12 8LB**

**Membership:**

<b>Cllr Allensby (West) Chairman of the Council and Mayor</b>	<b>Cllr Jones (East)</b>
<b>Cllr Brett (East)</b>	<b>Cllr Keeble (West)</b>
<b>Cllr Cooper (Broadway) Vice Chairman of the Council and Deputy Mayor</b>	<b>Cllr Kirkwood (Broadway)</b>
<b>Cllr Davis (East)</b>	<b>Cllr Macfarlane (West)</b>
<b>Cllr Fraser (West)</b>	<b>Cllr Parks (North)</b>
<b>Cllr Hawker (Broadway)</b>	<b>Cllr Robbins (East)</b>
<b>Cllr Jeffries (North)</b>	

Members of the public are welcome to attend meetings of the council and committees, unless excluded due to the confidential nature of the business.

If you wish to contribute during public participation, please contact [admin@warminster-tc.gov.uk](mailto:admin@warminster-tc.gov.uk) prior to the meeting to enable this to be facilitated.

Yours sincerely

**Cllr Stacie Allensby**  
**Town Mayor**

1. **Apologies for absence**

**To receive and accept** apologies, including reason for absence, from those unable to attend.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

**To receive** any declarations of interest under Warminster Town Council's Code of Conduct issued in accordance with the Localism Act 2011.

3. **Chairman's Announcements**

**To note** any announcements made by the chairman.

4. **Questions**

**To receive** questions from members of the committee submitted in advance to the Clerk.

***Standing Orders will be suspended to allow for public participation.***

5. **Public Participation**

**To enable** members of the public to address the committee with an allowance of three minutes per person regarding any item on the agenda and **to receive** any petitions and deputations. The chairman may read out any statements submitted in advance.

***Standing Orders will be reinstated following public participation.***

6. **Park Run**

**Members are asked to award a grant of £2,800 towards the costs of setting up a parkrun at Thoulstone Park. Funding to come from General Reserves (see attached).**

7. **Sealing of Documents**

**7.1** The sealing of the lease for the Public Conveniences in the Central Car Park between Wiltshire Council and Warminster Town Council for a peppercorn per annum for the period to 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2030.

**Members to resolve to approve the agreement.**

**7.2** The sealing of the licence for alterations (minor works) for the Public Conveniences in the Central Car Park between Wiltshire Council and Warminster Town Council for a peppercorn per annum.

**Members to resolve to approve the licence.**

8. **Appointments to Outside Bodies**

**Members to resolve to appoint Cllrs Jones and Keeble as council representatives to The Athenaeum following confirmation that only two representatives are required.**

9. **Communications**

**Members to decide on items requiring a press release and to confirm a spokesperson if required.**

Minutes from this meeting will be available to all members of the public either from our website [www.warminster-tc.gov.uk](http://www.warminster-tc.gov.uk) or by contacting us at Warminster Civic Centre.

**Date of next meeting: Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024.**

## **Report for decision**

### **Parkrun**

Full Council 28<sup>th</sup> May 2024

### **Summary**

Members are asked to award a grant of £2,800 towards the costs of setting up a parkrun at Thoulstone Park, to take place every Saturday morning

### **Background**

Councillor Jeffries reports that a couple of months ago, there was a swell of requests asking for a local parkrun in Warminster. He is pleased to inform the council that work has been going on in the background and a suitable location identified and landowner's permission secured to enable a local event to be set up.

To move forward, there are set up costs that need to be funded to purchase essential equipment and these costs are £4,800. £2,000 has already been secured and he is asking Warminster Town Council to make a grant of £2,000 to help fund these set up costs.

The new event will be held at Thoulstone Park, just outside Warminster, and is a free 5km run for all ages and abilities every Saturday morning, and if the funding is secured, the organisers hope to go live in July this year. The local parkrun Ambassador has confirmed all these arrangements. The funding is considered urgent as the organisers are looking to go live in July 2024 and therefore would need funding in place ideally before June.

### **About parkrun**

As you may know, parkrun, is a global phenomenon that has been embraced by communities worldwide. It offers free, weekly, timed 5km runs that are open to everyone, regardless of age or ability. What makes parkrun truly special is its inclusive nature and its ability to bring people together in a shared pursuit of health and fitness.

Parkrun are requesting funding support for the establishment of a new parkrun in Wiltshire. They are excited to share that they have identified a suitable venue and obtained the landowner's permission to host the event at Thoulstone Park. [Chapmanslade, BA13 4AQ] See link:

<https://www.thoulstonepark.com/about>

By bringing a parkrun to Thoulstone Park, the aim is to provide the local community with a fun and accessible way to improve their physical and mental well-being. Regular participation in parkrun has been shown to have numerous health benefits, including improved cardiovascular fitness, increased social connections, and reduced stress levels. Moreover, parkrun events often become focal points for community engagement, promoting volunteering, and supporting local businesses.

Additionally, establishing a parkrun has the potential to benefit the local economy. As parkrun events attract participants from neighbouring areas and even tourists, they can stimulate economic activity by bringing visitors to the area who may stay in local accommodations, dine in local restaurants, and utilise local businesses. This influx of visitors can have a positive impact on the economy, benefiting a wide range of businesses and stakeholders in the community.

However, in order to proceed with launching the new parkrun, there are certain startup costs that need to be covered. These include purchasing equipment, ensuring the safety and logistics of the run and the costs relating to the IT required to run the event weekly. While the event team are

committed to organising and managing the event on a voluntary basis, financial support is required to cover these initial start-up expenses. So far Parkrun have received pledges totalling £2000 and they need to raise a further £2800 to cover the £4800 startup costs.

Parkrun firmly believe that investing in another parkrun for Wiltshire would yield significant returns in terms of community health, cohesion, and economic vitality. By supporting this initiative, the town council would not only be contributing to the physical well-being of local residents but also helping to create a stronger and more connected community with positive economic implications.

As a case study: Chippenham parkrun has been operating for 10 years and was wholly funded by Wiltshire Council. As of 4<sup>th</sup> May 2024, there have been 79,164 finishers and 451 events – that investment equates to a cost of £10.64 per event, or 5p per runner. Parkrun believe this still offers by far the best value for money of any mass participation physical activity initiative available. Parkrun never ask for any further local financial investment to support their events and expect them to take place every single week for many years to come.

They kindly invite your consideration and support for this request.

### **Conclusion**

Members are asked to award a grant of £2,800 towards the costs of setting up a park run at Thoulstone Park. Funding to come from General Reserves.