

BIDDENHAM PARISH COUNCIL



Councillors, I hereby summon you to attend a **special meeting** of Biddenham Parish Council on Tuesday, 19th September 2023 at 8.30pm (or following the ordinary parish council meeting) at Biddenham Pavilion (**Upstairs meeting room**) to consider the following items of business.

AGENDA

Purpose of this meeting:

Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 allows a relevant authority to admit to be honorary freemen or honorary freewomen of the place or area for which it is the authority:

- a. Persons of distinction, and
- b. Persons who have, in the opinion of the authority, rendered eminent service to that place or area.

Granting the Freedom is the highest honour that Biddenham Parish Council can bestow. Although it carries no privileges, those who receive the honour are able to use the title of Freeman or Freewoman. As this is the highest honour that the Council can grant it should be used sparingly and should not be given too often in order to preserve its status and value.

1 **Apologies for Absence**

2 **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda**

3 **Granting of Freedom of the Parish**

Presentation of a nomination from Cllr Fowler: To admit Roger Rigby to be an honorary freeman of Biddenham Parish. For acting in a way that has shown distinction in parish life and contributed to the improved lives of Biddenham residents over many years through his devoted service as Borough Councillor.

4 **Administration**

To make arrangements for the formal presentation of the "Freedom".