

12 July 2021

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for meeting**

Dear Members

Special Council Meeting

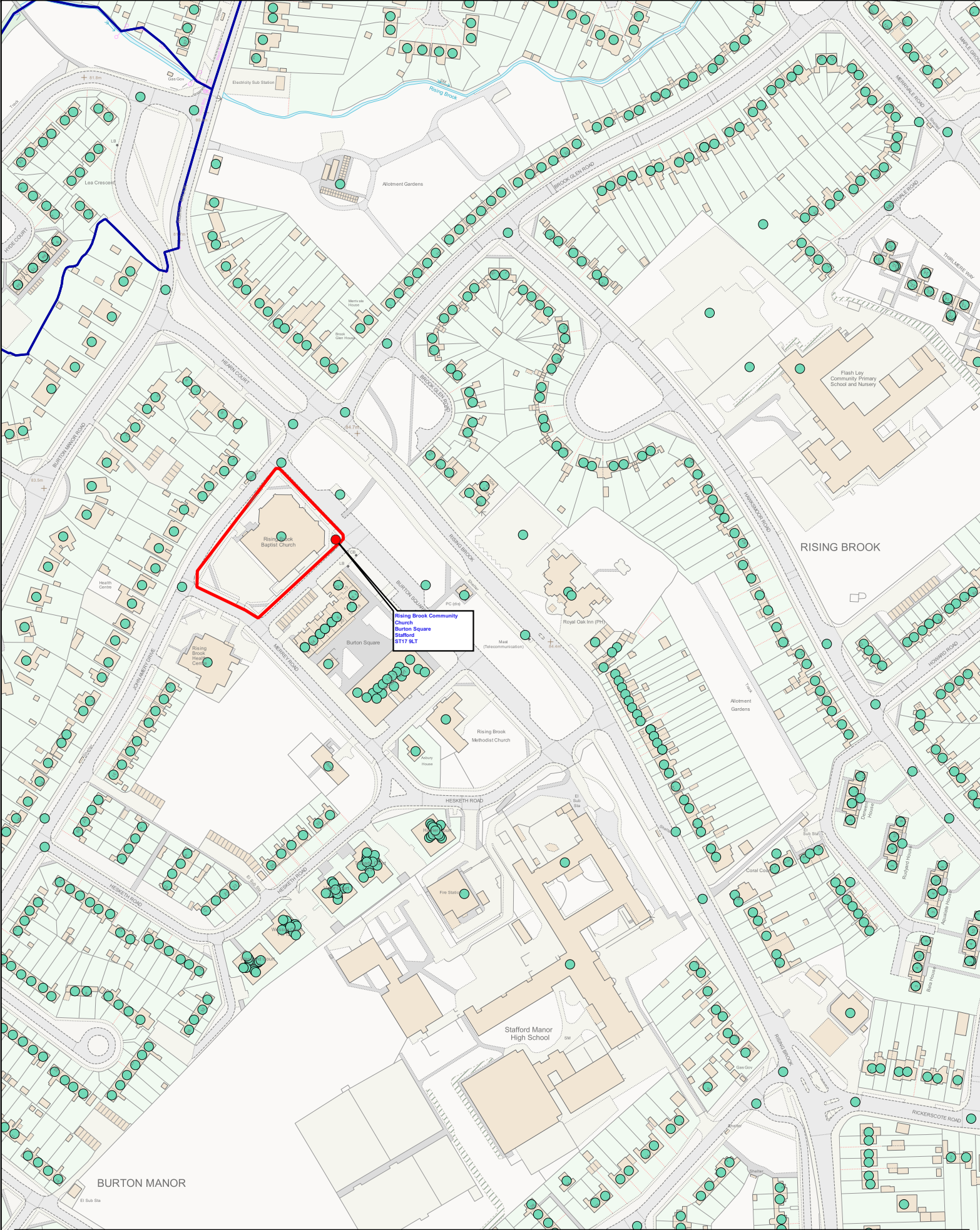
I hereby give notice that a special meeting of the Council will be held at

Rising Brook Community Church, Burton Square, Stafford, ST17 9LT on

Tuesday 20 July 2021 at 7.00pm to deal with the business as set out on the agenda.



Tim Clegg
Chief Executive



SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING - 20 JULY 2021

Mayor, Councillor Tony Nixon

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Report of:	Leader of the Council
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Ward Interest:	Nil
Report Track:	Special Council (20/0721) Only

SPECIAL COUNCIL**20 JULY 2021****Freedom of the Borough – The Royal British Legion (Stafford Branch)****1 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To propose the granting of Freedom of the Borough to the Royal British Legion (Stafford Branch).

2 Recommendation

- 2.1 That this Council resolves to grant Freedom of the Borough to the Royal British Legion (Stafford Branch) in recognition of its services to past and present members of the armed forces and their families.
- 2.2 That the Royal British legion (Stafford Branch) be presented with a scroll commemorating the grant of Freedom of the Borough.

3 Key Issues and Reasons for Recommendation

- 3.1 The Council has powers to confer the Honorary Freedom of the Borough under Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972. This may be granted where, in the opinion of the Council, people or organisations have rendered eminent services to the Borough.
- 3.2 It is proposed that this honour be conferred upon the Stafford Branch of the Royal British Legion in recognition of reaching its centenary year and given its support to serving members of the armed forces, veterans and their families.

4 Relationship to Corporate Business Objectives

- 4.1 Objective 2: encouraging people to be engaged in developing strong communities.

5 Report Detail

- 5.1 The Council has powers to confer Honorary Freedom of the Borough under section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972. This provides that the Council may, by resolution passed by not less than two-thirds of the members voting thereon at a meeting specially convened for the purpose, admit to be Honorary Freeman of the Borough persons of distinction and persons who have, in the opinion of the Council, rendered eminent services to the Borough.
- 5.2 This power can be used to confer Honorary Freedom of the Borough on organisations rather than individuals.
- 5.3 The Stafford Branch of the Royal British Legion was established on the 8 July 1921 and is one of the oldest branches in the County of Staffordshire. It provides financial, social and emotional care and support to all members of the British Armed Forces, past and present, and their families.

6 Implications

6.1	Financial	The production of the scroll would amount to £1,500.
	Legal	Set out in the report.
	Human Resources	Nil
	Human Rights Act	Nil
	Data Protection	Nil
	Risk Management	Nil

6.2	Community Impact Assessment Recommendations	<p>The Borough Council considers the effect of its actions on all sections of our community and has addressed all of the following Equality Strands in the production of this report, as appropriate:-</p> <p>Age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation.</p>
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Previous Consideration - Nil

Background Papers - Nil
