

Clerk to the Council/RFO: J Hodgkiss
Chairman: Cllr R Ruscoe

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held at 7:15pm on **Monday 11th November 2024** in The Memorial Hall.

Present: C Clode (CC), T Clarke (TC), M Jones (MJ), T Markham (TM), R Ruscoe (RR) – Chair, A Price (AP), P Stevens (PS), C Shaw (CS) M Underwood (MU), J Whittall (JW)

In attendance: Julie Hodgkiss – Clerk (JH), 2 MOP.

FC75.24/25 CO-OPTION OF CANDIDATES FOR COUNCIL

RESOLVED: JW proposed the co-option of Mr D Engler, this was seconded by CC and agreed by all members present. Cllr Engler signed the Acceptance of Office which was duly countersigned by the Clerk.

RESOLVED: MU proposed the co-option of Mr A Parkhurst, this was seconded by JW and agreed by all members present. Cllr Parkhurst signed the Acceptance of Office which was duly countersigned by the Clerk.

FC76.24/25 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Teckoe and Fairclough – work commitments and Cllr Osenton – ill health.

FC77.24/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

FC78.24/25 PUBLIC SPEAKING/QUESTIONS AT COUNCIL MEETINGS

None

FC79.24/25 MINUTES

RESOLVED: MU proposed to approve the minutes of the Full Council held on 14th October 2024, seconded by JW and agreed by all members present.

RESOLVED: TM proposed to approve the minutes of the Full Council held on 4th November 2024, seconded by AP and agreed by all members present.

FC80.24/25 CHAIR’S REPORT

Cllr Ruscoe summarised the meeting on November 4th with Barrett Redrow and highlighted all of the follow up activities since – namely a

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press release, letters requesting support from our MP and Shropshire Councillor in addition to a lengthy document sent to Shropshire Council Flood team. Glebelands – the Chairman expressed his disappointment at the Diocese decision to fence the site to prevent access. BHPC will meet with the land agent on November 20th and will also work alongside the “Friends of the Glebelands” to prevent this site development going ahead.

- FC81.24/25 SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLOR’S REPORT**
Cllr Clarke highlighted the continued difficulties with the finances at SC.
- FC82.24/25 CLERKS REPORT**
The Clerk presented her pre-circulated report and highlighted the successful Act of Remembrance that morning.
- FC83.24/25 PAYMENTS**
RESOLVED: MU proposed to approve all payments, as per the attached schedule, including October 2024 salary payments, seconded by APr and agreed by all members present.
- FC84.24/25 RE-APPOINT AUDITOR**
RESOLVED: MU proposed to re-appoint JDH Auditors for 2025/26, seconded by CC and agreed by all members present.
- FC85.24/25 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**
RESOLVED: MU proposed to approve initial investigations into adopting a Neighbourhood Plan, seconded by APa and agreed by all members present.
- FC86.24/25 GRANT APPLICATION**
Item deferred for more information.
- FC87.24/25 STAFF TRAINING**
RESOLVED: CC proposed to approve all staff to attend relevant training courses as soon as possible with current activities restricted until confirmation of adequate training, seconded by APa and agreed by all members present.
- FC88.24/25 EMERGENCY CHAIR AND BLEED KITS**
After discussions this item was not supported with a proposal from members.
- FC89.24/25 ROAD SAFETY WORKING GROUP**
RESOLVED: APa proposed to approve request from a resident to join the group, seconded by CC and agreed by all members present.
- FC90.24/25 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**
To pass resolution to exclude the public under Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, so as to discuss the following confidential matters.

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FC91.24/25 STAFF PAY AWARDS
Noted.

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