

**Clerk to the Council/RFO: J Hodgkiss**  
**Chairman: Cllr C Clode**

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Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held at 7:15pm on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024** in Burgs Room, Bayston Hill Memorial Hall.

Present: T Clarke (TC), C Lewis (CL), A Price (AP), R Ruscoe (RR), P Stevens (PS), C Teckoe (CT), M Underwood (MU)

In attendance: Julie Hodgkiss – Clerk (JH), 3 MOP

In the absence of the Chairman, Cllr Teckoe (Deputy Chairman) took the Chair and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**FC115.23/24 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE**  
Apologies were received from Cllr Clode – annual leave, Cllrs Osenton, Shaw and Fairclough – work commitments. Cllr Whittall.

**FC116.23/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  
Cllr Teckoe declared a non-pecuniary interest in item FC133.23/24 as he is friends with one of the contractors.

**FC117.23/24 PUBLIC SPEAKING/QUESTIONS AT COUNCIL MEETINGS**  
A member of the public spoke passionately about item FC125.23/24, the Glebe lands. The MOP highlighted the plight of the Scouts/Guides and was also very concerned about the poor state of the fields now they were no longer maintained. The Chair brought forward item FC125.23/34

**FC125.23/24 RESPONSE FROM LICHFIELD DIOCESE**  
The Clerk had shared the brief response from the Diocese of Lichfield after a letter was sent in November requesting a purchase price for the Glebe lands. The Diocese reply was that they “remain committed” to developing their Glebe land. Clerk to write to the Diocese and ask who will maintain the grass, trees and paths as the warmer weather arrives.

**FC118.23/24 MINUTES**  
**RESOLVED: CL proposed to approve the minutes of the Full Council held on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024, seconded by PS and agreed by all members present.**

**FC119.23/24 CHAIR’S REPORT**  
Cllr Clode had sent her apologies for not providing a report at this time as she was away.

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- FC120.23/24 SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**  
Cllr Clarke highlighted the recent announcement of the £62m budget cut that needed to be found by Shropshire Council and that it was developing news. Cllr Clarke expressed his worry about libraries, non-statutory services and many hundreds of redundancies.
- FC121.23/24 CLERKS REPORT**  
The Clerk highlighted ongoing works and reminded members that the online GDPR training is taking place next Monday 26<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.
- FC122.23/24 PAYMENTS**  
**RESOLVED: MU proposed to approve the payments, seconded by RR and agreed by all members present.**
- FC123.23/24 FINANCIAL SPOT CHECK**  
**RESOLVED: AP proposed himself to carry out monthly spot checks on the finances, seconded by CL and agreed by all members present.**
- FC124.23/24 INTERIM INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT**  
The Clerk presented the report. The report was noted.
- FC126.23/24 COMMUNITY ENERGY FUND**  
**RESOLVED: RR proposed to approve a request from the Carbon Neutral Working Group to gather information, with a view to the council submitting an application to the Community Energy Fund, seconded by MU and agreed by all members present.**
- FC127.23/24 MEETING SCHEDULE 2024/25**  
Noted
- FC128.23/24 USE OF THE COMMON**  
The Clerk to respond to the request of usage of The Common on May 25<sup>th</sup> in order to raise money for Cancer Research with the following advice. A letter should be written to residents to advise of the event. Adequate insurance cover should be in place for the event. That the common be treated respectfully. Numbers attending should be appropriate for the space. Any accidental damage should be fixed.
- FC129.23/24 TREE WORKS**  
**RESOLVED: MU proposed to approve J Whitehead to complete tree works in various places for £1410.00, seconded by CL and agreed by all members present.**
- FC130.23/24 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**  
None present.
- FC131.23/24 STREETLIGHT QUOTES**

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**RESOLVED: PS proposed to approve the preferred quote from Highline Ltd for immediate replacement of 11 streetlights found to be unsound by a survey at the end of 2023 for £12184.90 plus costs for permits and power transfers, seconded by MU and agreed by all members present.**

**FC132.23/24 ZIP WIRE QUOTES**

Item deferred.

**FC133.23/24 LONG MEADOW TOILET BLOCK ELECTRICS**

**RESOLVED: MU proposed to approve M Medicott to install electric supply to the old toilet block at Long Meadow at the cost of £650.00, seconded by PS. 5 members voted in favour, 2 abstentions, vote carried.**

Meeting closed at 8.20pm

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