

Clerk to the Council/RFO: J Hodgkiss

Chairman: Cllr R Ruscoe

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held at 7:15pm on **Monday 19th January 2026**

Present: Cllrs – T Clarke, C Clode (CC), D Engler (DE), E Markham (EM), T Osenton (TO), A Parkhurst (APa), A Price (APr), R Ruscoe (RR) – Chair, C Shaw (CS) P Stevens (PS), N Turner (NT), M Underwood (MU)

In attendance: T Trickett – Shropshire Councillor
J Hodgkiss – Clerk
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FC111.25/26 COUNCILLOR RESIGNATION and COMMITTEE COMPOSITION

Members noted the resignation of M Jones. **RESOLVED:** Cllr D Engler proposed himself to join the Finance and Personnel Committee this was seconded by APa and agreed by all members present.

FC112.25/26 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Teckoe – work commitments and Cllr K Turner – ill health.

FC113.25/26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

FC114.25/26 PUBLIC SPEAKING/QUESTIONS AT COUNCIL MEETINGS

None.

FC115.25/26 MINUTES

RESOLVED: APr proposed to approve the minutes of the Full Council held on 5th January 2026, seconded by MU and agreed by all members present.

FC116.25/26 FINAL BUDGET REVIEW AND PRECEPT APPROVAL FOR 2026/27

The Clerk explained the proposed expenditure for 2026/7 and that there was no change to the Reserves. Income to date was noted. Members received the preparatory work undertaken by the Finance Committee and previous Full Council meetings. Members noted the Council Tax Base of 1841.39.

RESOLVED: MU proposed to request a precept of £215, 577.88 which is an increase of 6.17% on the 2025/26 level, seconded by APr and agreed by all members present.

FC117.25/26 GENERAL RISK ASSESSMENT

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RESOLVED: EM proposed to approve the updated assessment, seconded by NT and agreed by all members present.

FC118.25/26 ASSERTION 10

RESOLVED: APa proposed to approve changes to pass the new assertion 10 requirement, including changing to a .gov.uk email domain, seconded by TO, 11 members voted in favour, 1 abstention.

FC119.25/26 FLAG (FLY POSTING) POLICY

RESOLVED: MU proposed to approve the policy, seconded by APa, 11 members voted in favour, 1 abstention.

FC120.25/26 CO-OP SIGNATORIES

RESOLVED: MU proposed to approve signatories on the accounts held by the Co-op Bank, seconded by APr and agreed by all members present.

Members to sign

Ruscoe

Clode

Underwood

Parkhurst

Teckoe

Osenton

Price

FC121.25/26 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

None (previous spectators left)

FC122.25/26 STAFFING

RESOLVED: APr proposed to approve the new staffing structure, and associated paperwork, as recommended by the Finance and Personnel Committees (24/11/25, 8/12/25/, 12/1/25 and Full Council (5/1/26) and associated documents for recruitment, seconded by APr and agreed by all members present.

Signed:..... Date:.....