

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

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held at 7:15pm on **Monday 22nd January 2024** in Lythwood Room, Bayston Hill Memorial Hall.

Present: T Clarke (TC), C Clode (CC) Chair, K Fairclough (KF), C Lewis (CL), A Price (AP), R Ruscoe (RR), C Shaw (CS), P Stevens (PS), M Underwood (MU)

In attendance: Julie Hodgkiss – Clerk (JH)

FC104.23/24 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE
Apologies were received from Cllr Whittall – ill health, Cllrs Osenton and Teckoe – work commitments

FC105.23/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
None

FC106.23/24 PUBLIC SPEAKING/QUESTIONS AT COUNCIL MEETINGS
None

FC107.23/24 MINUTES
RESOLVED: MU proposed to approve the minutes of the Full Council held on 11th December 2023, seconded by AP and agreed by all members present.

FC108.23/24 FINAL BUDGET REVIEW AND PRECEPT APPROVAL FOR 2024/25
Members noted the Council tax base letter.
The Council have been through a thorough budget process lasting several months. Headline budget implications are as follows;

Administration	21239.430
Community Open Spaces	4042.500
Council Buildings	14792.000
Repairs and Maintenance	5975.000
Grants and contributions	37156.000
Staff costs	110890.760
Street lighting	21000.000
Tractors	3365.000
Lythwood Sports Facility	2000.000
Rents, rates, utilities	2598.750
	223,059.440

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The budget therefore for 2024/25 is £223059.44. With a balance of £11,000 taken out of reserves plus additional income of £15,000. Equalling a precept request of £197,059.44

RESOLVED: MU proposed to meet the agreed expenditure budget of £223,059.44 an increase in the precept request of 5.5% (up £5.52 to £105.94 for a Band D property) would raise £197, 059.44 on a slightly higher Taxbase (no. of properties paying Council Tax), this was seconded by TC and agreed by all members present.

FC109.23/24 CHAIR'S REPORT

Cllr Clode gave a verbal update, highlighting her recent meeting with Clare Crackett, Deputy Lieutenant of Shropshire about increasing opportunities in Bayston Hill.

FC110.23/24 SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Clarke has pre-circulated his report, he highlighted his work to support residents in Brookfield who has been affected by heavy rain. Cllr Clarke had also been in communication regarding the unfortunate closing of the slip road onto Pulley Lane because of the Belway Homes development.

FC111.23/24 CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk gave an update about ongoing projects listed in the pre-circulated report.

FC112.23/24 PAYMENTS

The Clerk pointed out the payment error to HMRC in December, which has now been rectified.

RESOLVED: MU proposed to approve all payments, as per the attached schedule, including December 2023 salary payments, seconded by CL and agreed by all members present.

FC113.23/24 GENERAL RISK ASSESSMENT

RESOLVED: RR proposed to approve the assessment with MUs recommended amendments, seconded by AP and agreed by all members present.

FC114.23/24 ROAD SAFETY WORKING GROUP

RESOLVED: CL proposed to add T Trickett to be a member of the Road Safety Working Group, seconded by CS and agreed by all members present.

RESOLVED: MU proposed to approve the Clerk to write to Shropshire Council to request a solid stop line marking is added to Lythwood Rd where it meets Lyth Hill Road, seconded by CL and agreed by all members present.

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Members declined to accept the groups recommendation to purchase reflective items for the RSWG to distribute to cycle users and instead suggested that the issue be raised with the local police, Oak Meadow School, Meole Brace School and John Campion (the Police Crime Commissioner).

Meeting closed at 8.40pm

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