

Clerk to the Council/RFO: J Hodgkiss

Chairman: Cllr R Ruscoe

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held at 7:15pm on **Monday 1st June 2026 at The Memorial Hall.**

Present: Cllrs – A Caswell BEM (AC), C Clode (CC), E Markham (TM), A Parkhurst (APa), A Price (APr), R Ruscoe (RR) – Chair, C Shaw (CS), P Stevens (PS),

In attendance: Cllr T Trickett, J Hodgkiss – Clerk

FC1.26/27 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE
Apologies were received from – Cllr Clarke – ill health, Cllr Teckoe – personal commitment and Cllrs K Turner, N Turner, Engler and Underwood – holiday.

FC2.26/27 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
None

FC3.26/27 PUBLIC SPEAKING/QUESTIONS AT COUNCIL MEETINGS
None

FC4.26/27 MINUTES
RESOLVED: AC proposed to approve the minutes of the Annual Council held on 18th May 2026, seconded by APa and agreed by all members present.

FC5.26/27 SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLORS REPORT
Cllr Trickett presented her pre-circulated report. Members pledged again to contact Oak Meadow School and offer assistance with the School Council.

FC6.26/27 CHAIRMANS REPORT
Cllr Ruscoe presented his report and wished to thank those that made the Community Day a big success once again.

FC7.26/27 CLERKS REPORT
The Clerk gave a verbal update on the AGAR process and current staffing matters.

FC8.26/27 INTERNAL AUDITORS REPORT

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Members noted the clear internal audit report from JDH Business Services for 2025/2026.

FC9.26/27

ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

RESOLVED: APa proposed to review and approve the Annual Governance Statement. Full Council is required to confirm its agreement with the statement of good governance with respect to the year 1 April 2025 – 31 March 2026 by 30th June 2026, seconded by CS and agreed by all members present.

F10.26/27

ANNUAL RETURN

RESOLVED: APa proposed that the Full Council review and confirm its approval of the Annual Financial Return for the period 1 April 2025 – 31 March 2026. Public inspection notice will be published Tuesday 2nd June 2026, period of inspection to run from Wednesday 3rd June 2026 to Tuesday 14th July 2026, seconded by CC and agreed by all members present.

F11.26/27

TREE WORK

RESOLVED: APa proposed to approve a quote for tree works at Parrs Wood at £950 from J Whitehead, seconded by TM and agreed by all members present.

F12.26/27

BAYSTON HILL LIBRARY

Members had an extensive conversation regarding the future of the library in Bayston Hill. Several meetings with Shropshire Council have taken place but despite this the information provided so far regarding costs, transfer terms and resources is not sufficient to make a decision. Members noted the complexity and tight timescale of any decision to be made and have asked the Clerk to write to Shropshire Council requesting more information and a clearer offer. Members are keen to carry out comprehensive consultation with residents and seek legal advice before any final decision is made.

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