

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

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

Present: Cllrs – A Caswell BEM (AC), T Clarke (TC), C Clode (CC), D Engler (DE), E Markham (TM), T Osenton (TO), A Price (APr), R Ruscoe (RR) – Chair, C Shaw (CS), C Teckoe (CT), K Turner (KT), N Turner (NT), M Underwood (MU),

In attendance: Cllr T Trickett, J Hodgkiss – Clerk, S Edwards – Deputy Clerk, A Sheehy – Facilities Supervisor, 1 MOP.

FC28.26/27 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE
None

FC29.26/27 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
None

FC30.26/27 PUBLIC SPEAKING/QUESTIONS AT COUNCIL MEETINGS
One MOP asked a question about BHPC contributions to the Villager Magazine.

FC31.26/27 MINUTES
RESOLVED: APr proposed to approve the minutes of the Full Council meeting on July 13th 2026, seconded by CT and agreed by all members present.

FC32.26/27 SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLORS REPORT
Cllr Trickett spoke to her pre- circulated report, highlighting local issues and the current situation with Shropshire Council.

FC33.26/27 CHAIRMANS REPORT
Cllr Ruscoe highlighted the recent opening of the new play equipment at Long Meadow.

FC34.26/27 CLERKS REPORT
The Clerk requested volunteers to help with upcoming events.

FC35.26/27 PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS

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RESOLVED: MU proposed to approve payments and receipts including salaries up to end Aug 2026, seconded by AC and agreed by all members present.

FC36.26/27 BAYSTON HILL SCOUTS AND GUIDES

DEFERRED: Clerk to write to Scouts with some suggestions for the site from Full Council.

FC37.26/27 POLICE SURVEY FOR TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILS

RESOLVED: MU proposed that the survey be shared to members who could then respond individually, seconded by KT and agreed by all members present.

FC38.26/27 BAYSTON HILL LIBRARY SURVEY

NOTED. 81% of 821 respondents wished for the PC to take over the running of Bayston Hill Library. Clerk has sent correspondence to Shropshire Libraries.

FC39.26/27 MEOLE BRACE PARK AND RIDE

RESOLVED: MU proposed to approve to delegate to the Clerk and Chairman the power to write a letter to Shropshire Council to object to the closing of the site, seconded by TM and agreed by all members present.

FC40.26/27 PRICE LIST

RESOLVED: DE proposed to approve proposed price list from Oct 1st. Seconded by NT and agreed by all members present.

FC41.26/27 VEXATIOUS COMPLAINTS POLICY

RESOLVED: CT proposed to approve the policy, seconded by APr and agreed by all members present.

FC42.26/27 OAKLANDS SITE – CORNOVII – PUBLIC SPACE OFFER

RESOLVED: APr proposed to decline the offer from Cornovii to manage the open space at the former Oaklands site, seconded by AC and agreed by all members present.

FC43.26/27 LOCAL COUNCIL AWARD SCHEME

RESOLVED: MU proposed to approve application and associated costs, seconded by CS and agreed by all members present.

FC44.26/27 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

None present

FC45.26/27 PAVILION PROJECT

DEFERRED: CT proposed to defer the decision while arrangements were made to meet face to face with the shortlisted contractors. Seconded by TO and approved by all members present.

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- FC46.26/27** **BMX TRACK**
DEFERRED: Clerk to ascertain cost for materials, or possible donation.
- FC47.26/27** **NJC PAY AWARD**
NOTED
- FC48.26/27** **FLOODLIGHTS – ASTRO**
ISSUE FIXED
- FC49.26/27** **LONGMEADOW TOILET BLOCK WINDOW**
RESOLVED: MU proposed that the Clerk be given delegated power to find an alternative cost effective solution to the window, seconded by DE and agreed by all members present.
- FC50.26/27** **CONTAINER LONGMEADOW**
RESOLVED: MU proposed to approve quote to remove container for £1000 plus VAT, seconded by NT and agreed by all members present.

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