



**Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance and General Purpose Committee
held on
21st May 2024 at 7.00 p.m.**

PRESENT:

Councillor Jordan Keeble (Chairman)
Councillor Eileen Callear
Councillor John Snell
Councillor David Bown

Councillor Amrik Jhawar
Councillor Jasmine Bennett

In Attendance

Clerk: Jane Lees
Deputy Clerk Rebecca Cowie

F24/001 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. C. Hughes, Cllr. U. Ahmed, Cllr. S. Ali, Cllr. G. Offland

Cllr. E. Callear proposed, Cllr. J. Bennett seconded, all in favour to accept the apologies

F24/002 DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Cllrs. E. Callear and J. Bennett for agenda item F24/011

Cllr. A. Jhawar for Planning.

F24/003 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Cllr. D. Brown proposed, Cllr. J. Snell seconded; one abstain to confirm the minutes held on the 16th of April 2024.

F24/004 FINANCIAL REPORT

- (i)* Cllrs J. Bennett and J. Keeble verified the approval list against invoices. Payments detailed and approved for faster payment totaling £7,827.35, Direct Debits of £3,151.62 and debit card payments of £191.71.
- (ii)* Bank reconciliations deferred.
- (iii)* Salary payments totaling £10,905.25, PAYE & NI of £2,951.32 and Pension payments to Shropshire County Pension fund of £3,350.60 to be paid by BACS.
- (iv)* Earmarked Reserves not discussed



F24/005 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Applications for consideration

TWC/2024/0349

Cllr. D. Brown proposed, Cllr. J. Snell seconded; one abstain to offer no comment to this application.

Applications received after publications of agenda.

TWC/2024/0365

Cllr. D. Brown proposed, Cllr. E. Callear seconded; one abstain to offer no comment to this application

TWC/2024/0237

Cllr. J. Bennett proposed, Cllr. E. Callear seconded; one abstain to offer no comment to this application

F24/006 CHAIRMANS COMMUNICATIONS

The Chairman welcomed Cllr. J. Bennett and looked forward to working with her. The Chairman noted that the Estate Agents looking after the sale of the Lodge had written an apology to the Council regarding the mix up with the signage last week.

The Chairman thanked all involved for the swift actions to assist the homeless man in the Cemetery and to signpost him to appropriate help.

The Chairman thanked the Clerks team for the work done last year.

A reminder was given regarding the Summer fete and a request for assistance on the day. Lanyards and Hi Viz should be worn.

The Chairman noted the Blue Green algae in Apley pool and warned all to be careful in that area. Questions should be directed to the Environmental Agency or to the Ecologist at Telford and Wrekin Council.

F24/007 COACH STYLE STREETLIGHTS, APLEY CASTLE

The Coach style streetlights in Apley Castle have been replaced with LED modern lights without consultation with residents, who wish the old style lights to be reinstated.

Cllr. E. Callear noted this was a Telford and Wrekin Highways issue, and similar issues have taken years to resolve as because there is safe and sufficient lighting, they are low priority.



Cllr. J. Bennett proposed, Cllr. D. Brown seconded, all in favour for Cllr. J. Keeble to write to the Ward member and Highways to raise this issue and ask for a timescale for action.

F24/008 ALLOTMENTS FIRE DAMAGE

Councillors discussed the letter from the Allotment secretary regarding fire damage to a shed and asking for compensation. Cllrs J. Snell and J. Keeble have inspected the damage and don't think it is structural.

Cllr. J. Snell proposed, Cllr. J. Bennett seconded, all in favour, to write to the Allotments to inform them that although the Council takes no responsibility for the damage caused, as a gesture of goodwill, we will award £50.

F24/009 CAT TEAM TOOLS

Cllr. J. Snell proposed, Cllr. D. Brown seconded, all in favour to purchase CAT team tools for use in the Cemetery using the £5000 per year maintenance budget included in the agreement.

F24/010 GOV.UK DOMAIN NAMES GRANT

The Clerks team attended a webinar from the Cabinet office regarding funding available for the grant to acquire Gov.uk domain names for the Parish emails. They are only available from approved registers, one of which is the current website provider.

Cllr. E. Callear proposed, Cllr. J. Snell seconded, all in favour to research cost and defer to future meeting.

F24/011 REMOVAL OF LEAN TO AT THE LODGE

Cllr. E. Callear and Cllr. J. Bennett left the room.

Councillors discussed the quote for removal of lean to at the Lodge, and for replacement fencing to be costed and agreed at a later date.

Cllr. J. Snell proposed, Cllr. A. Jhavar seconded, all in favour to approve the cost of removal of lean to.

Cllr. E. Callear and Cllr. J. Bennett returned to the room.



F24/012 FLOWER DISPLAYS IN THE PARISH

The Clerk informed the Committee that the supplier previously agreed is disinclined to accept the commission due to the reduced order. Although baskets can be sourced, the watering of them is an issue, with the CAT team already at full stretch.

Cllr. E. Callear proposed, Cllr. J. Snell seconded, all in favour to provide baskets in and around Hadley within budget, and to use the remainder of the CAT allowance to buy a watering system.

F24/013 CHAIRMAN TITLE

Cllr. D. Brown proposed, Cllr. J. Snell seconded, all in favour to adopt the title of “Chair”

F24/014 ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN NEXT AGENDA

Price increase for Centre and Cemetery fees

Gov.Com domain name costings

Additional signatories for Lloyds Bank

F24/014 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

Personnel Committee Meeting Tuesday 28th May at 6pm.

**Full Council Meeting Tuesday 4th June at 7 p.m.
Finance Committee Tuesday 18th June at 7.00pm
Events committee to be confirmed.**

SUMMER FATE SUNDAY 2ND JUNE 12 – 4PM.

Chairman closed the meeting at 8.25pm.

Signature of Chair.....