

MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the **SERVICES COMMITTEE** meeting held on **WEDNESDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 7PM** in the Guildhall, Mill Street.

S24/043 PRESENT

Chair: Councillor B. Waite

Councillors: Garner, Gill, Ginger, Hall, Jones, Parry, Tapley & S Waite.

Officers: Gina Wilding, Town Clerk
Kate Adams, Deputy Town Clerk
Mark Hilton, DLF Supervisor

S23/044 ABSENT

No Councillors were absent.

S24/045 WELCOME AND ESSENTIAL HOUSEKEEPING INFORMATION

The Chair, Councillor B Waite, welcomed everyone to the Services Committee meeting at the Guildhall and explained housekeeping information.

S24/046 RECORDING OF MEETINGS

The Chair notified those present that under the Openness of Local Government Regulations 2014, recording and broadcasting is permitted during public session of Council Meetings.

S24/047 APOLOGIES

All Councillors were present.

S24/048 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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None.

Conflicts of Interest
Councillor Parry Ludlow in Bloom

Personal Interests

Councillor Parry Ludlow in Bloom

S24/049 PUBLIC OPEN SESSION (15 minutes)

Chair of Ludlow in Bloom (LIB) addressed the Committee. She reported that LIB Committee had their Annual General Meeting on 10th August, and she has brought a copy of the minutes for the Council. She stated that 12 committee members were present at the meeting although there are around 30 volunteers which help with the work.

She wanted to clarify that the hanging baskets are put up by the DLF but they are planted and watered by herself and volunteers. She stated that she has never asked for any tubs to be moved prior to this year and previously other people have moved them for LIB.

The Chair concluded that LIB would like a discussion with Ludlow Town Council before the Service Level Agreement is signed as they are concerned by some of the contents.

S24/050 LUDLOW UNITARY COUNCILLORS SESSION

Councillor Parry, Ludlow South, addressed the Committee. She said that there are lots of changes happening within Shropshire Council and that public groups and Town/Parish Councils are being asked to pay for some services. She doesn't feel that this is a good situation, and we should think carefully about what the council contributes.

S24/051 MINUTES**RESOLVED TG/RH (Unanimous)**

That the minutes of Services Committee meeting held on Wednesday 17th July 2024 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

S24/052 ITEMS TO ACTION**RESOLVED BW/TG (unanimous)**

That the Items to action from Services Committee 17th July 2024 be noted with a detailed update regarding the Castle Gardens retaining wall project to be brought to the next meeting.

S24/053 LUDLOW IN BLOOM**RESOLVED BW/RH (8:0:1)**

To arrange site visits for senior staff to Shrewsbury Town Council, Church Stretton Town Council and Bridgnorth Town Council to undertake further exploration of the options and associated costs.

S24/054 LINNEY PONTOON

RESOLVED TG/BW (6:1:2)

To approve the recommendation to purchase and install a pontoon ladder for safe access in and out of the water. This will be funded from code 411/ 4608 at a cost of £1,076.16 including installation.

S24/055 LINNEY BASKET SWING

RESOLVED BW/AT (unanimous)

To approve the recommendation to replace the basket swing seat. This will be funded from code 501/ 4800 at a cost of £905.70 including delivery.

S24/056 HOUSMAN CRESCENT PLAY EQUIPMENT

RESOLVED GG/RH (unanimous)

To adjust the designs to remove the replacement see saw/ rocking equipment and for the four adjusted options to be made available for public consultation, following the consultation timeline.

S24/057 VANDALISM AT WHEELER ROAD PLAY AREA

RESOLVED TG/BW (unanimous)

To approve the suggested actions including monitoring for further vandalism, awaiting the annual independent play inspection and looking at future options for resurfacing.

S24/058 SIDNEY ROAD TOWN GREEN

RESOLVED BW/SW (unanimous)

To note the report regarding the success of the first year of the project.

S24/059 DINHAM MAGNOLIA TREE

RESOLVED RJ/EG (unanimous)

To approve the recommendation, and quote, to reduce the magnolia tree for safety reasons. A cost of £150.00 to be funded from budget code 410/ 4402.

S24/060 BLACK PINE TREE IN ST JOHNS GARDENS

RESOLVED BW/VP (unanimous)

To note the information provided and approve the necessary work in line with health and safety guidance, and advice from Shropshire Council.

S24/061 FRUIT TREES ON LUDLOW TOWN COUNCIL SITES

RESOLVED BW/EG (unanimous)

To note the success of fruit trees planted in previous years.

S24/062 RESOLVED BW/RH (unanimous)

To accept the offer of fruit trees from Incredible Edible and the suggested location at Weyman Road amenity area. Cllr Jones confirmed that she has consulted with local residents.

S24/063 LUDLOW MUSEUM AT THE BUTTERCROSS UPDATE

RESOLVED BW/SW (unanimous)

To note the update regarding visitor numbers and children's activities at the Museum.

7.35pm Councillor Parry left the meeting

S24/064 LOCAL NATURE RECOVERY STRATEGY

RESOLVED BW/RJ (7:0:1)

To note the survey.

The meeting closed at 7.37pm

Chairman

Date