



DURRINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on Tuesday 25th February 2025 at 7 p.m. in the Robinson Room at the Village Hall, Durrington, SP4 8AD.

<p>Present</p>	<p>Cllr G Wright Cllr S Paines Cllr P Galan-Bamfield Cllr P Paul Cllr C Butler Cllr G Eydmann Cllr S Smith Cllr Wardell Cllr Todd Cllr Stafford Cllr Lock</p> <p>Jo Tudor Alison Budge</p>	<p>Chairman Vice Chairman</p> <p>Clerk Deputy Clerk</p>
<p>Public Participation</p>	<p>The Village PCSO Levi Morphy attended the meeting and gave a brief update on the month's anti-social activity in particular vehicle interference and thefts from cars. There were a couple of incidents at the Recreation Ground last week, involving fights between young people these have been dealt with and the police are frequently attending at the Ground as a deterrent. The Old library site was broken into this month and the police are aware of this. It was suggested the police might like to show a presence at the new youth club on a Thursday evening. The Police are also taking foot patrols on the River park they think the increase of anti-social behaviour may in part be due to half term. Levi requested that anyone seeing issues call the police using 999 if necessary.</p> <p>The Unitary Councillor was asked a few questions on his written report about potholes and yellow lines and the Wiltshire council budget.</p>	
<p>Minute No.</p>	<p>Minute</p>	<p>Action</p>
<p>127/24</p>	<p>ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES – apologies were accepted from Cllrs Rennie and Botham.</p>	
<p>128/24</p>	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS – none received</p>	

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129/24	INTERVIEW OF CO-OPTION CANDIDATES AND VOTE – There were no candidates for co-option.	
130/24	APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The council approved the minutes of the meeting of the 28 th of January 2025.	The Clerk to update the website.
131/24	MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES – The Clerk ran through the minutes explaining 2 policies had not yet been amended for consideration, she confirmed the structural survey took place on Monday the 24 th of February and the report will be issued shortly. There were no other outstanding matters.	
132/24	<p>QUESTIONS ON THE CHAIRMANS REPORT -</p> <p>The Chairman presented a slide show, as part of his report, prepared by Cllr Smith after the Clerks recent appraisal to highlight some of the issues the council and staff are experiencing and how these should be addressed. An action plan has been drawn up and February actions were shared with the council.</p> <p>The actions for February were as follows: Recording of meetings and the relevant policy have been discontinued with immediate effect. Large Screen to be ordered for use in Robinson Room for future meetings All documents to be uploaded to meeting folder in members area of website. All enquiries from councillors must be directed to the Chairs of the committees. Clerk has responsibility for the day-to-day management of council affairs as per her role as Clerk. The Deputy Clerk to begin appropriate training by end Feb 25. There were a few questions on the presentation and the Chairman advised the members that he was available to assist any member with the election paperwork.</p>	
133/24	<p>QUESTIONS ON REPORTS from Councillors responsible for attending external meetings – There was an LHFIG meeting whilst no written report had been circulated Cllr Paul outlined that Highways engineer came to look at the area of concern namely Bulford Road where bollards have been requested and Hackthorne Road where a priority lane has been requested. Highways will prepare a report on the requests in due course. It was noted that Traffic enforcement officers have been in attendance in the village recently issuing parking tickets.</p>	
134/24	QUESTIONS ON THE REPORT from the Clerk – there were no questions on the Clerks report.	

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<p>136/24</p>	<p>ACCOUNTS - The Council approved the Accounts for January 2025 The Council approved the cheques and debits for January 2025.</p>	
<p>137/24</p>	<p>The Council RESOLVED to approve the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. To note the Durrington Litter pick will take place on the 5th of April b. To note the recent annual Play Park Inspection Reports. c. The Cil Report was deferred. d. A grant to the 2nd Bulford Scout Group. e. A quote for replacing the flat pavilion roof was approved subject to the Clerk obtaining satisfactory warranties 	<p>Clerk and Cllr Wright to organise</p> <p>Clerk to arrange</p> <p>Clerk to obtain satisfactory warranties before proceeding with the work.</p>
<p>138/24</p>	<p>PRESENTATION BY THE VISION WORKING PARTY –</p> <p>Cllr Galan-Bamfield ran through a presentation about the findings from the recent questionnaires given to users of the council’s facilities and posted online for any residents to complete. The council had over 180 replies. From the replies the working party was able to ascertain what types of events people use the facilities for, and what they think of the facilities. The Village Hall was considered in good or excellent condition by 73% of users canvassed. The Pavilion was rated good or excellent by 61 % of users. 80 % of responses said that the facilities meet all or some of the communities’ needs with 20% who did not feel they do or were not sure.</p> <p>Improvements were suggested by residents including more varied activities, improved access, better parking, updated technology and more outdoor facilities as well as better maintenance of the buildings.</p> <p>Responses suggested more comfortable chairs, an easier booking system, better toilets in the pavilion, to bring back film nights, and to improve the sound system in the Village Hall.</p> <p>Of those who do not use the facilities for a number of reasons 54% said they would use them if improvements were carried out.</p> <p>New events suggested were craft fairs and workshops, Carol service, music events, board games, fishing club, Tennis club, activities for young children and a coffee shop as well as exercise clubs, youth club, hires for parties and weddings and toilets for users of the Recreation Ground.</p> <p>The respondents thought it important to invest in the current facilities and some felt they might be prepared to assist in fundraising efforts to support those improvements.</p>	

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	<p>The skatepark was considered by the meeting and it was agreed that a pump track would be hired and placed in the Recreation Ground for young people to allowing the working party/council to gauge whether a permanent pump track or a new skatepark is something the council should consider installing at the Recreation Ground.</p> <p>The presentation outlined possible improvements which could be made to the pavilion to provide some of the facilities the council lacks including a new council office and a permanent meeting room for council use. Separate changing facilities for the football teams, a café and toilets.</p> <p>The working party was asked if it had consulted the preschool which currently uses the pavilion, it had been unable to speak to them to date.</p> <p>The maintenance costs for the buildings were discussed as neither property produces sufficient income to cover its outgoings.</p> <p>Any improvements at the pavilion will require a rise in the precept which requires community consultation on a larger scale.</p> <p>The vision working party initially wanted to prepare a presentation for residents at the annual parish meeting scheduled to take place on the 20th of May. It was agreed that this will no longer take place as the working party are waiting for the results of the structural survey and the pump track hire. The working party will ask the council to call a residents meeting to present its findings later in the year and ask for the communities' thoughts about raising the precept to pay for any improvements in the facilities.</p> <p>The annual parish meeting now requires a speaker, the Chairman offered to assist in the search for one.</p>	Chairman to obtain a speaker for the APM.
139/24	<p>DISCUSSION POINTS –</p> <p>The hire of the pump track was agreed.</p> <p>Conduct in meetings was previously discussed in the chairman's report</p>	Cllr Eydmann and the Clerk to liaise on the dates and timings
140/24	<p>PLANNING – No applications have been brought to the attention of the Clerk by the Councillors this month for consideration.</p>	
141/24	<p>CORRESPONDENCE to the Chairman or Clerk. None was received.</p>	
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	<p>CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS - to move into confidential Business under section 100 (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 to discuss the next matters as they involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in part 1 of schedule 12A of the Act.</p> <p>The meeting moved into Confidential business to discuss legal matters.</p>	
143/24	THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – 25th March 2025.	

_____ **CHAIRMAN** _____ **DATED.**