

Durrington Town Council – Budget and Precept Meeting on Tuesday 29th April 2025. Minutes approved as a true and accurate record and signed as so by the Chairman presiding.
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	<p>Buzz action would like the council to help by partitioning off the back of the pavilion. The police were called last week when the young people climbed the roof last month during the evening. Buzz Action like the facility outside, on the recreation ground and they are in the main pleased with the provision.</p> <p>The Chairman asked for any questions. Cllr Butler asked what else the council could do to help and Buzz Action said access to the back of the Pavilion needs to be limited if possible.</p> <p>Cllr Smith asked Buzz Action about the signing in details and the medical information it takes for the young children. Buzz action confirmed that it takes medical information from parents. The parents leave phone numbers when they leave the younger children. Buzz Action reiterated that they are not running a childcare facility.</p> <p>Cllr Smith the council follow up on grant applications to ascertain how the venture is progressing.</p> <p>Cllr Smith asked if Buzz Action was acting in loco parentis and was advised that they are not, they have made that clear to all parents. Cllr Smith said that she was concerned about who was responsible for the children when they come to the club. Buzz Action confirmed that it is responsible for the youth club, but that the parents and the youth workers all work together to look after the children.</p> <p>Cllr Smith confirmed she will attend the youth club to see how the club is running.</p> <p>Cllr Wright has attended the youth club and invited Buzz Action back in a few months' time.</p> <p>Buzz Action asked to run a session in half term in Larkhill, Cllr Wright agreed to assist with the plans after the meeting as the town council did not have this item before it at the meeting and have no facilities in Larkhill.</p> <p>The unitary Councillors report raised a comment from Cllr Smith, she was extremely disappointed with the recent Facebook comments purported to be from a Town councillor and she felt the comments brought the whole Council into disrepute. The Chairman agreed with Cllr Smith and he would like the comments to be taken up at a later point rather than in the meeting.</p>	
Minute No.	Minute	Action
160/24	ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES – apologies were accepted from Cllrs Todd, Botham and Eydmann.	
161/24	DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS – No declarations	
170/24	PLANNING APPLICATION - PL/2024/02283 - Land at Hackthorne Road, Durrington revised plans for	

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	<p>redevelopment of site to provide 68 no. residential (Use Class C3) units to include 20 no. affordable units and associated works including parking provision, highways improvements and refuse/recycling store.</p> <p>The planning application was revised and the Chairman outlined the changes. The lane leading from high street to manor cottage is owned by the Manor House. The change in the application allows the residents of the proposed development to use the lane for pedestrian access to the Village. The other change is a proposal for the stop sign at the junction of Hackthorne Road and the A 345 to become a give way sign.</p> <p>Wiltshire Council is not currently in favour of the changes. A member of the public addressed the council on the ownership and use of the track running from Manor Cottage to the High Street.</p> <p>The Council considered the amendments and decided that both proposed accesses have safety issues and it would raise further objections on this basis.</p>	Clerk to restate objections
162/24	<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The council approved the minutes of the meeting of the 25th of March 2025, notwithstanding Cllr Butler raising a spelling mistake.</p>	The Clerk to update the website.
163/24	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES – The Chairman advised the meeting that all matters from the last minutes were completed save that the LPC minutes were yet to be circulated. The question of bollards is now with the Facilities and Amenities committee. The installation of bell bollards will be referred to the residents at the Annual Parish Meeting</p>	
164/24	<p>QUESTIONS ON THE CHAIRMANS REPORT -</p> <p>The Chairman congratulated Cllr Wardell on her more than twenty years' service as a councillor. Cllr Wardell will not be returning with the new Council next month.</p> <p>Cllr Paul raised a concern with the Chairman which Councillor Rennie suggested should be dealt with in Confidential business.</p>	
165/24	<p>QUESTIONS ON REPORTS – Cllr Paul, said that he had met with the engineer from LHF IG to look at a protected lane on Hackthorne Road. Cllr Paul said that it was going to be less expensive than previously indicated to carry out the work. Cllr Paul said a ballpark figure would be around £10,000. The Chairman asked for LHF IG reports to be written in future and it was agreed that all attendees of outside meetings should provide a written report prior to the meeting.</p>	

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166/24	<p>QUESTIONS ON THE REPORT from the Clerk – Cllr Butler wanted to know about the financial governance documents referred to in the report.</p> <p>The Chairman then took the Council through the Action Plan to agree a set of aims and values to be presented at the Annual Parish meeting. Cllr Smith had put together suggested aims to be shared later in the meeting. The Chairman went through the action plan and the mentioned professionalism, the code of conduct and monitoring the councils' actions.</p>	
167/24	<p>PROCEEDINGS OF COMMITTEE – The council received the minutes from the Finance and HR committee dated 12th March 2025 and the Facilities and Amenities Committee dated the 3rd of March 2025.</p>	
168/24	<p>ACCOUNTS - The Council approved the Accounts for March 2025 The Council approved the cheques and debits for March 2025. The Council approved the end of year accounts for 2024-25.</p>	
169/24	<p>The Council RESOLVED to approve the following</p> <p>The 2024-25 Auditors Report was considered to be very good.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Section 1 of the AGAR was approved and signed. b. Section 2 of the Agar was approved and signed c. To note the remaining funds in the account after accounting for earmarked reserves as of the 31st of March are now general reserves. d. To note the invoices paid in 2024-25 have been checked by Cllrs Botham, Paines and Eydmann. e. To note and approve the dates of public rights between the 3rd of June to the 14th of July 2025. f. To approve the following policies recommended by the Finance and HR committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Annual leave ii. Equality and Diversity iii. Sickness and Absence iv. Homeworking. 	<p>The Clerk to send all documentation to the external Auditor and put on the web site and notice board as appropriate.</p> <p>Clerk to update the website.</p>

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	<p>g. To adopt the Council's proposed Aims and Values.</p> <p>h. To receive the structural survey of the Village Hall and the Pavilion.</p> <p>i. To Instruct a Topographical Survey of the Recreation Ground.</p> <p>j. To instruct an Architect to produce designs of a module fashion for the Pavilion and the Village Hall.</p>	
170/24	<p>PLANNING –</p> <p>PL/2025/03532 - Full Planning Permission 75 Bulford Road to demolish the former porta cabin library and erect 4 x1 bedroom flats, with car parking and access.</p> <p>The council considered the plans for the site and voted to object to the plans due to the lack of parking in that part of Bulford Road and the design of the building being out of keeping with the others in the Road.</p>	
171/24	<p>DISCUSSION POINTS –</p> <p>The vision working party update was written and circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <p>The update of the action plan was given earlier in the meeting.</p> <p>Councillors training was encouraged and the WALC website page with courses shown to the council.</p> <p>The youth provision was considered earlier in the meeting.</p>	
172/24	<p>CORRESPONDENCE to the Chairman or Clerk.</p> <p>The Clerk had forwarded an email to all councillors from the Swift society requesting that all planning applications bear in mind the addition of swift bricks and homes to assist the birds when nesting.</p>	
173/24	<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>	

	There was confidential business regarding a staffing matter.	
174/24	THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – 13th May 2025.	

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