

## DURRINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

	<p>Cllr Wright was nominated by Cllr Paines and Cllr Lock</p> <p>Cllr Paul was nominated by Cllr Butler and Cllr Galan-Bamfield.</p> <p>Council was reminded that the ballot should be a show of hands rather than a secret ballot, in accordance with standing order paragraph 3. s. the council's standing orders do not provide for any other method of voting.</p> <p>Cllr Paul gave a short presentation on his reasons for wanting to become Chairman of the council.</p> <p>Cllr Wright agreed with the Cllr Pauls sentiments.</p> <p>The council voted for Cllr Wright to continue as Chairman for another year by 9 votes to 3.</p>	
<b>2/25</b>	<b>DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE – All councillors and the new Chairman signed the declarations of acceptance of office in front of the Clerk.</b>	
<b>3/25</b>	<p><b>ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL FOR 2025-26</b></p> <p>The Chairman nominated Cllr Smith for the role of Vice Chairman, she accepted the nomination and Cllr Galan-Bamfield seconded the proposal. There were no other candidates and Cllr Smith was unanimously elected.</p>	
<b>4/25</b>	<b>ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES</b> – all councillors were present	
<b>5/25</b>	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS</b> – No declarations were made	
<b>6/25</b>	<p><b>APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES</b></p> <p>a. Finance and HR committee to comprise Cllr Smith Cllr Galan-Bamfield Cllr Paul Cllr Rennie Its first meeting will take place on the 10<sup>th</sup> of June 2025 at 6pm, when the committee will elect its officers.</p>	Clerk to update Councillors Roles and responsibilities on website.

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	<p>b. Facilities and Amenities Committee to comprise  Cllr Todd  Cllr Botham  Cllr Wright  Cllr Stafford  Cllr Lock  Cllr Paines  Cllr Eydmann  Cllr Butler  Its first meeting will take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of June in the Pavilion at 6.30 pm when the committee will elect its officers.</p> <p><b>Planning is dealt with by the Full council at its monthly meeting when a request is made by any member of the council to consider planning applications. All members of the council are part of its planning committee.</b></p>	
<b>7/25</b>	<p><b>APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO EXTERNAL MEETINGS AND ORGANISATIONS</b></p> <p>Stonehenge Area Board – Cllr Paines  LHFIG – Cllr Paul  WHS Management Committee – the Clerk and Cllr Botham  Larkhill Community Partnership – Cllr Wright and Cllr Butler</p>	Clerk to update the website.
<b>8/25</b>	<p><b>CHAIRMANS ADDRESS –</b></p> <p>The Chairman expressed a wish that the recent anonymous posts on Facebook were not written by anyone on the council, it looks like a councillor is talking about issues and the Chairman said if it is a councillor they should be careful about what they say.</p> <p>Cllr Butler asked if there was anything posted which was not in the public domain. The Chairman said once it has been posted it automatically is in the public domain. Cllr Butler clarified that the information may have come out of council meetings but it did not include confidential business. The Chairman said the comments made on Facebook were not appropriate and included predetermination of a planning issue. He asked that the members were careful with what they post on social media.</p> <p>Cllr Botham said it was a shame that there was internal criticism of what the council was trying to do.</p>	

<b>9/25</b>	<b>REPORT FROM CLERK –</b> Made available to the councillors prior to the meeting – there were no questions on the report.	
<b>10/25</b>	<b>APPOINTMENT OF APPROVED SIGNATORIES FOR BANKING INCLUDING ONLINE ACCESS/PAYMENTS FOR 2025-26</b>  Members of the FHR committee the Chairman of the council and the Clerk were approved as signatories.	Clerk to update signatories
<b>11/25</b>	<b>THE COUNCIL APPROVED AND CONFIRMED THE CODE OF CONDUCT.</b>	Clerk to ensure website has current code of conduct.
<b>12/25</b>	<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES –</b> The council approved the minutes of the meeting of the 29 <sup>th</sup> of April 2025,	The Clerk to update the website.
<b>13/25</b>	<b>MATTTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES –</b> The Chairman advised the meeting that all matters from the last minutes were completed save that the Clerk was to ensure the amended policies were on the website.	Clerk to update the website
<b>14/25</b>	<b>PROCEEDINGS OF COMMITTEE –</b> There were no proceedings of committee to receive	
<b>15/25</b>	<b>INTERVIEW OF CO-OPTION CANDIDATES AND VOTE –</b> There were no co-option candidates.	
<b>16/25</b>	<b>ACCOUNTS -</b> The Council approved the Accounts for April 2025 The Council approved the cheques and debits for April 2025.	
<b>17/24</b>	The Council <b>RESOLVED to approve</b> the following: -  a. The Financial Risk Assessment. b. The Investment Strategy. c. Auditing Solutions as internal auditors for 2025-26. d. PKF Littlejohn as external auditors for 2025-26. e. Subscriptions to	Clerk to update the website.

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. National/Wiltshire Association of Local Councils for £1459.12</li> <li>2. Society of Local Council Clerks - £600</li> <li>3. Community First £40</li> <li>4. ICCM £105.</li> </ol> <p>f. To following direct debits</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. BT – internet for the Pavilion</li> <li>2. Octopus energy – utilities for both buildings</li> <li>3. Wiltshire Council – Business rates</li> <li>4. Water2Business for both buildings and the allotments</li> <li>5. Hills waste – waste collection service</li> <li>6. Virgin – internet for the Hall.</li> </ol> <p>g. To move the following funds into EMR for the 2025-26 projects</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. £2000 to the Village Hall EMR for LED Sign</li> <li>2. £2000 to Pavilion reserves for anti-climb equipment</li> <li>3. £5000 to the Village Hall EMR for water heaters</li> <li>4. £3000 to Village Hall EMR for new Porch Doors</li> <li>5. £2000 to Recreation Ground EMR for Benches</li> <li>6. £2000 to the Pavilion EMR for Flooring</li> <li>7. £5000 to the Riverpark EMR for repairs to the path</li> </ol> <p>h. Expenditure for the Annual Parish meetings on the 20<sup>th</sup> May 2025 and in March 2026 of £150 for each event.</p>	Clerk to make transfers to EMR's
<b>18/25</b>	<p><b>GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE</b></p> <p><b>The Council confirmed it has the General power of competence by meeting the eligibility criteria.</b></p> <p><b>It has two thirds of the total number of councillors elected and it employs a Clerk who possesses CILCA which is a recognised sector specified qualification.</b></p>	
<b>19/25</b>	<p><b>PLANNING</b> – No applications were brought to the attention of the Clerk by members.</p>	
<b>20/25</b>	<p><b>CORRESPONDENCE –</b></p> <p>The Chairman had received emails about the nesting swans on the Riverpark and the councils' notices being removed by users of the Riverpark.</p> <p>The clerk had an email about a tree on the recreation ground overhanging a car park on River Way and the nuisance the tree causes. This is one of the trees which will be slightly trimmed in August and the Clerk will ask the Tree surgeon to</p>	Clerk to speak to the tree surgeon.

	look at trimming the tree further to reduce the overhang if possible.	
<b>21/25</b>	<p><b>CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS</b> - 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>There was confidential business regarding a staffing matter.</p>	
<b>174/24</b>	<p><b>THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING –</b></p> <p><b>FULL COUNCIL 24<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2025 ROBINSON ROOM 7PM</b></p> <p><b>THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING IS ON THE 20<sup>th</sup> of MAY 6.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL.</b></p> <p><b>FHR COMMITTEE MEETING 10<sup>th</sup> June 6PM ROBINSON ROOM</b></p> <p><b>FA COMMITTEE MEETING 2<sup>nd</sup> JUNE 6.30PM PAVILION.</b></p>	

\_\_\_\_\_ **CHAIRMAN** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATED.**