

**DURRINGTON TOWN COUNCIL****COUNCIL OFFICE, VILLAGE HALL, HIGH STREET, DURRINGTON, SP4 8AD****Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on Tuesday 6th January 2026 at 7 p.m. in the Robinson Room at the Village Hall, Durrington, SP4 8AD.****Present**

Members **Cllr G Wright – Chairman**
 Cllr S Smith – Vice Chair
 Cllr J Todd
 Cllr P Paul
 Cllr P Galan-Bamfield
 Cllr G Eydmann
 Cllr A Stafford
 Cllr K Johnson
 Cllr R Lock
 Cllr S Paines
 Cllr S Rennie
 Cllr C Butler

Officers **J Tudor – Clerk**

Public **One member of public was present for the meeting.**

Public Participation - There was no public participation.

The Chairman reminded members the meeting was being recorded.

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101/25 Acceptance of Apologies.
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Botham.

102/25 Declarations of interest.
There were no declarations of interest.

103/25 Approval of minutes.
Councillor Paul objected to the minutes and made a request to listen to the recording of the meeting. The request was agreed and approval of the minutes deferred.

104/25 The Council considered and RESOLVED to approve the budget for 2026-27.

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Signed

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105/25 **The Council considered and RESOLVED the precept of £278,000 for 2026-27.**
The precept has increased by £3,000; however, due to the growth in the tax base, this will not result in any increase to residents' council tax from the council's share.

106/25 **The Council reviewed and approved the asset register as at the 1st January 2026.**

107/25 **The Council approved and RESOLVED to have annuity repayments for the Public Works Loan.**

108/25 **The Council RESOLVED to seek approval of the Secretary of State for Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government to apply for a PWLB loan of £100,000 over the borrowing term of 8 years for the installation of a pump track at the Recreation Ground.**
The annual loan repayments will come to around £14,750. It is not intended to increase the precept for the purpose of the loan repayments and the Proper Officer of the Council is hereby authorised to complete and submit the necessary PWLB application forms (LC1 and supporting documentation) and any other required paperwork to the PWLB and MHCLG, and to generally do all things necessary to facilitate the borrowing.

109/25 **MINISTRY OF HOUSING COMMUNITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT APPLICATION.**
The Council considered and approved the following documents to accompany the application for borrowing
a. Business Case
b. Loan affordability Report
c. The 2026-27 Budget.

110/25 **The Council considered the New Youth Grant Policy and made several minor amendments after which the policy was approved.**

111/25 **The Council approved the transfer of funds from the general fund to ear marked reserves for youth provision of £6650.**

112/25 **The Council RESOLVED to approve the following direct debits for 2026/27**
BT – Phone line and Internet Pavilion
Octopus Energy – Electricity and Gas supply at the Village Hall and Pavilion
Wiltshire Council Business Rates – Pavilion, Village Hall, and Cemetery
Water2Business – Village Hall, Pavilion, Cemetery, Allotments x 2
Hills Waste – Waste Collection at the Village Hall and Pavilion
Virgin – Telephone and internet at the Village Hall.
Public Works Loan Board repayments (if approved).

113/25 **Date of the next Full Council meeting, 27th January 2026.**

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