



MINUTES

Of the Town Council's Ordinary Council Meeting

held on
Monday 12th January 2026

PRESENT: Councillors: Aston, Blasczyk, Carter, Chikandamina, Cooke, Hannington, Heighway, Hunt, Mehta, Parker, Pooler & Preece.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Morgan & Parnaby.

Staff: Simon Eccleston (Clerk), Sarah Houlston (Deputy Clerk)

A quorum was present when decisions were made. Name's present must be recorded.

OCM25/71	Chair opens the meeting at 6pm Chair opens the meeting of the Council and thanks the Cllrs & staff team for their work over the last weekend with regards to the snow, ice & power cuts.
OCM25/72	Apologies Councillors Morgan & Parnaby Proposed Councillor Cooke Seconded Councillor Heighway Unanimously agreed by all councillors
	Public Session No members of the public present
OCM25/73	Minutes Councillor Heighway notifies council of error on minutes, Clerk to amend RESOLVED MINUTES FROM OCM 10 th November 2025 are approved.



	Proposed Councillor Chikandamina Seconded Councillor Aston Unanimously agreed by all councillors
OCM25/74	Borough Cllr Update Cllr Preece informed us that he & Cllr Mehta had been supporting residents through the recent bad weather and power cuts.
OCM25/75	Grants Cllrs Preece & Hannington leave the room RESOLVED: Shropshire FA awarded £2000 partnership grant
OCM25/76	Proposed Councillor Mehta Seconded Councillor Carter Unanimously agreed by all councillors RESOLVED: Shropshire FA awarded £500 business support grant Proposed Councillor Chikandamina Seconded Councillor Aston Unanimously agreed by all councillors Councillors Preece & Hannington return to the room.
OCM25/77	Finance Finance reports appendices are scrutinised and approved RESOLVED Finance reports are approved Proposed Councillor Mehta Seconded Councillor Highway Unanimously agreed by all councillors
OCM25/78	Finance Councillors discuss the budget setting for 2026/27. The Chair explains that he and the Clerk have worked together to produce the budget with service delivery and value for residents as priorities. RESOLVED The Council set the precept for 2026/27 at £1,026,600-00 Proposed Councillor Chikandamina Seconded Councillor Mehta



	Unanimously agreed by all councillors
OCM25/79	Finance Council discuss the internal audit provision for year ending March 31st 2026 RESOLVED The Clerk to contact internal auditor and arrange internal audit provision as per Accounts & Audit Regulations 2015. Proposed Councillor Mehta Seconded Councillor Cooke Unanimously agreed by all councillors
OCM25/80	Dawley Park Cafe RESOLVED The Clerk to invite quotes for the management of catering services in Dawley Park Proposed Councillor Chikandamina Seconded Councillor Carter Unanimously agreed by all councillors
OCM25/81	Clerks Report is delivered by The Clerk with Cllrs & members of public welcome to ask questions. Councillor Chikandamina asks if we can look into attractions for teenagers at Malinslee lights switch on Councillor Cooke explains that we do not want to alienate the young families & children in the process. Councillor Aston suggest speaking to youth club for feedback. Councillors suggested recreating events working group. Any interested councillors are to email the Clerk by midday Friday 16th January 2026.
	Exclusion of Press and Public
	Next meeting Ordinary Council Meeting 9th February 2026

Meeting closed at 7.05 pm