

Minutes of the meeting held 16 January 2025 at the Scout Hut, South Littleton

Present: Councillors: Shannon Mack (Chairperson), Trevor Beddowes, Victoria Sevier, Debbie Jones & Roger Jones.

In Attendance: Sean Arble (Clerk) and one member of the public.

- 284 Apologies received from Cllrs Helen Quigley-York, Sally Ashwin & Hannah Robson.
- 285 Cllr Sevier declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute 299: The applicant is a neighbour.
- 286 No dispensations requested.
- 287 The **Council resolved** to approve the **MINUTES** of the meeting held 19 December 2024 at the Scout Hut, South Littleton.
- 288 The meeting was suspended for Public Question Time from 8:35-8:40pm. Notes at the end of the minutes.

FINANCE

- 289 The **Council resolved** to approve the payment schedule.

Payment References; those in previously paid

Ref	Payee	Details	Net	VAT	Total	
	A Taylor	Xmas trees setup	£60.00	£0.00	£60.00	24.12.24
	S Mack	Xmas event supplies	£9.00	£0.00	£9.00	07.01.25
	S Mack	Xmas event supplies	£7.87	£1.58	£9.45	"
	S Mack	Chair Allowance	£13.32	£0.00	£13.32	"
156	WCALC	Training	£35.00	£7.00	£42.00	16.01.25
157	Nick Lane	Lengthsman	£185.00	£0.00	£185.00	"
158	PWLB	Streetlight Loan	£3,829.71	£0.00	£3,829.71	31.01.25
159	S Arble	Nov website	£15.00	£3.00	£18.00	16.01.25
160	S Arble	Oct website	£1.00	£0.20	£1.20	"
161	S Arble	Nov website	£1.00	£0.20	£1.20	"
162	S Arble	Dec website	£3.50	£0.70	£4.20	"
163	Clerk	Dec wage	£865.00	£0.00	£865.00	"
164	HMRC	Council NIC	£14.77	£0.00	£14.77	"
165	Clerk	Dec expenses	£97.82	£0.00	£97.82	"
166	British Gas	Oct electric 303	£8.62	£0.43	£9.05	DD
167	British Gas	Nov electric 303	£9.10	£0.45	£9.55	DD
168	British Gas	Oct electric 307	£6.70	£0.33	£7.03	DD
169	British Gas	Nov electric 307	£7.10	£0.35	£7.45	DD
	TOTAL		£5,169.51	£14.24	£5,183.75	

290 The December 2024 reconciliation was noted.

Date		Date	
01-Dec-24		to	31-Dec-24
add	Current Account balance		5745.94
add	Deposit Account balance		35520.58
less	Payments cleared:		
equ	Balance C/F		41266.52

Opening Balance Deposit Account	39488.37
Interest	32.21
Transfers between Accs	
Less payments for period	0.00
Opening Balance Current Account	4143.99
Less Period Payments:	
Transfers between Accs	4000.00
Add receipts for period	548.00
Payments cleared	0.00
Closing Balance	41266.52

291 The December 2024 I&E Report was noted.

292 The 2025-26 Budget was approved. Cllr D Jones abstained. The highlights of the budget include:

Budget requirement rises 5% to £48,000
 Revenue Expenditure £43,210
 Forecasted FY 2024-25 Reserves £21,102
 Legacy Project Reserve 2025-26 £5000
 Trees Reserve 2025-26 £3000
 Main Expense Items 2025-26:
 Clerk Wage £11,000
 Street Lighting Electricity £4000
 Grass Cutting £10,500
 Parish Maintenance £5000
 Budgeted 2025-26 Year End Reserves £32,029

293 WCC Cllr A Adams not present; no report.

294 WDC Cllrs J Ciotti & H Robson not present; no report.

ACTION POINTS

295 B3 – Brook Fence:

296 D4 – Rec Ground Stone Wall: Revisit the matter in May.

CLERK'S UPDATE

Correspondence for Consideration

297 Policing Priorities for 1st qtr. 2025 was discussed. The **Council resolved** not to report anything specific at the moment.

298 Brook Fence Survey:

Tabled Correspondence (not otherwise noted on Agenda or Action Tracker):

299 A parishioner informed the Clerk that the owners of Abels Orchard are hoping to submit an application for three homes in the garden.

300 Correspondence sent (not otherwise noted on Agenda or Action Tracker): None

301 Reported issues (not otherwise noted on Agenda or Action Tracker): None

PLANNING

302 The Council discussed planning application W.24.02542.FUL with a mind to object. No objections could be determined at the meeting. The **Council resolved** to seek additional advice and respond to WDC by 21.01.25.

303 The **Council resolved** not to comment on W.24.02011.CLE.

NEW MOTIONS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

304 The **Council resolved** not to approve the St Michaels £1250 Grant Application. WCALC advised the Council that according to s 8(1)(i) Local Government Act 1894 prohibited such financial support.

305 **CLLR REPORTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS** – none

306 The meeting closed at 8:25pm.

307 **DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING** at 7:30pm on 20 February 2025 at the Scout Hut, South Littleton.

Signed Danir Date 20/02/2025

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME NOTES

A parishioner on St Michael's Close whose property abuts the Recreation Ground stated she would remove the ivy on her side of the fence if the Council will remove the vegetation on the Recreation Ground side of the fence. She also stated that while the ivy originates on her side of the fence, it isn't growing on her land. The fence is set a few feet back of her property.