

## Minutes of the meeting held 15 January 2026 at the Bowls Club, South Littleton

Councillors Present: Victoria Sevier (Chairperson), Hannah Robson (arrived 10 minutes late), Sally Ashwin, Tim Ward

In Attendance: Sean Arble (Clerk) and two members of the public

- 325 Apologies received from Cllrs Roger Jones, Debbie Jones, Helen Quigley-York and Shannon Cawood.
- 326 No interests declared.
- 327 No dispensations requested.
- 328 The **Council resolved** to approve the **MINUTES** of the meeting held 18 December 2025 at the Bowls Club, South Littleton.
- 329 The meeting was suspended for Public Question Time from 7:35 – 7:40pm.

### FINANCE

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

Payment References; those in bold previously paid

Ref	Payee	Details	Net	VAT	Total	
172	S Cawood for Iceland	Xmas event supplies	£21.00	£0.00	£21.00	03.01.26
173	S Cawood for The Works	Xmas event supplies	£30.25	£0.00	£30.25	03.01.26
174	V Johns	Post reimbursement	£2.50	£0.00	£2.50	18.12.25
175	A Taylor	basal work on Rec Ground trees	£195.00	£0.00	£195.00	19.12.25
176	Clerk	December wage	£949.20	£0.00	£949.20	15.01.16
177	HMRC	Clerk income tax	£20.80	£0.00	£20.80	"
178	HMRC	Council NIC	£82.95	£0.00	£82.95	"
179	Clerk	December expenses	£103.23	£1.08	£104.31	"
180	BG 303	electric November 25	£221.06	£11.05	£232.11	DD December
181	BG 307	electric November 25	£171.31	£8.56	£179.87	DD December
182	Lloyds	November fees	£4.25	£0.00	£4.25	DD January
183	S Arble for IONOS	Website December	£10.00	£2.00	£12.00	15.01.26
184	S Arble for IONOS	December email	£9.50	£1.90	£11.40	"
185	BG 303	electric December 25	£289.32	£14.46	£303.78	DD January
186	BG 307	electric December 25	£373.40	£18.67	£392.07	"
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£2,483.77</b>	<b>£57.72</b>	<b>£2,541.49</b>	

- 331 December 2025 Reconciliation noted.
- 332 December 2025 Income & Expense Report noted.
- 333 No WDC Cllr Report for January 2026.
- 334 WCC January 2026 Cllr Report: Emailed to cllrs 15.01.26. Cllr Robson mentioned the SWDPR Consultation is ongoing.

### ACTION POINTS

- 335 C-5: Cllr Robson reported that the some drains at the bottom of Bennett's Hill are marked and that the sunken drain was repaired.

336 C-6: Clerk reported that the lamp part was received by EON; to be installed. Several cllrs mentioned that the Council shouldn't be invoiced for this work.

#### CLERK'S UPDATE

Correspondence for Consideration

337 South Worcestershire Development Plan Consultation noted.

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

338 17.12.25 Community Energy in the Vale. **ACTION: Clerk to invite T Strickland to the next meeting.**

339 cc 17.12.25 Cllr Robson email to Bowls Club re S106 funding.

340 Correspondence sent (not otherwise noted on Agenda or Action Tracker) - none

341 Reported issues (not otherwise noted on Agenda or Action Tracker): none

#### PLANNING

342 The **Council resolved** not to object to planning application W.25.02726.FUL.

343 Utilizing the Clerk's Scheme for Planning Delegation the **Council resolved** to object to planning application W/25/02357/OUT on the following criteria:

The proposed site is not included in the latest SWDP.

The proposed site is outside the development boundary.

The proposed site is on agricultural land.

The Lead Local Flood Authority has a holding objection on the application. Nearby King Edward estate has surface water drainage issues.

The Council has concerns about the added strain on sewage system which is currently struggling to perform adequately. The Council will be highly interested in the comments from Severn Trent.

The entrance to the site crosses over a cycle path. There should be a construction management plan to protect the path.

Should the Planning Authority be inclined to approve the application the Council has the following requests:

Consulted on the design of the buildings

Would like to retain the orchard location as indicated and be consulted on the type of trees

Would like to be considered for maintenance responsibility of the orchard

Consider engaging a Banksman to control traffic during morning and afternoon school travel times

Would like the developer to contribute to a pedestrian crossing at the entrance to the site

#### NEW MOTIONS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

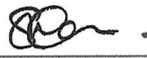
344 The **Council resolved** to contract a Community Builder position costing £1500.00 in 2026-27 Financial Year.

- 345 The **Council resolved** to carry out the £1925.00 tree work quoted by S Blunsom. The trees to be worked are the two black poplars in South Meadows and the lime tree on Farm Lane. **ACTION: Clerk to issue a work order.**
- 346 The **Council resolved** to approve the 2026-27 Budget. The following are the highlights:

*Precept rises 6.3% (WDC formula) to £50,500*  
*Revenue (non-reserve allocated) expenditure: £45,628*  
*Forecasted FY2025-26 Reserve: £25,361*  
*Playground Replacement & Repair Reserve: £5000*  
*Trees Reserve £5000*  
*Main ticket items for 2026-27:*  
     *Clerk Wage & Tax – £12,400*  
     *Street Lighting electricity £5300*  
     *Grass Cutting £9505*  
     *Parish Maintenance £3550*  
*FY2026-27 Budgeted Reserves £37,248*

#### **CLLR REPORTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- 347 Cllr Ashwin reported that she met a parishioner who would like to get involved with the Neighbourhood Plan.
- 348 The meeting closed at: 8:10pm.
- 349 **DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING** at 7:30pm on 19 February 2026 at the Bowls Club, South Littleton.

Signed  Date 19.02.2026

#### **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME NOTES**

A parishioner stated that her husband would like to join the Council. They will have lived in the parish for two years on 23 April 2026.

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A parishioner raised the issue of erecting a fence along the stone wall at the rear of the Recreation Ground.