

Minutes of the meeting held 16 April 2026 at the Bowls Club, South Littleton

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FINANCE

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10	WDC	Emptying bins	£116.84	£0.00	£116.84	"
11	Smart Cut	March Rec Ground, verges & South Meadows	£610.00	£122.00	£732.00	"
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14	"	Godfather Post for fence behind Rec Ground	£110.00	£22.00	£132.00	"
15	EON	3 site visits and repair lantern				not approved
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	TOTAL		£4,620.61	£599.48	£5,220.09	

- 009 Cllr Robson reported that the tree work carried out by S Blunsom is complete and the job was well done. It is ok to pay the invoice. **ACTION: Clerk to pay invoice.**
- 010 The South Meadows Brook work was discussed. Cllr R Jones reported that the work looks good and the invoice should be paid. TC Contracting cannot clear the side drains. It is a specialty job. **ACTION: Clerk to pay invoice. ACTION: Clerk to investigate who is responsible for maintaining the side drains into the brook. ACTION: Clerk to request that the side pipes brickwork etc be cleared as part of annual maintenance.**
- 011 March 2026 Reconciliation noted.
- 012 March 2026 Income & Expense Report noted.
- 013 WCC Cllr H Robson Report:
- Local Government Reorganization – Suffolk, has been divided into 3 unitary authorities which is promising for Worcestershire. The decision for Worcestershire from government was expected in July 2026.
- 014 WDC Cllr J Ciotti Report emailed to cllrs 15.04.26. Cllr Ciotti emphasized the WDC Consultation on Design Code and Growth Fund Support.

ACTION POINTS

- 015 A-1: Cllr Ashwin reported that the Mandate is complete. The Clerk mentioned that he should be a signatory on the Mandate. **ACTION: Clerk to forward Minutes of the Council Resolution.**
- 016 A-5: **ACTION: Clerk to request update on Allotments Lease.**
- 017 A-10: **ACTION: Clerk to set meeting with R Wilson about the transition of SLAGA administration to the Clerk.**
- 018 B-17: **ACTION: Clerk to request update from C Grant-Parkes regarding the maintenance of his section of the south Meadows Brook.**
- 019 C-3: **ACTION: Cllr Robson to request an update from B Barnes regarding the Village Entry sign quotes.**
- 020 C-8: **ACTION: Cllr Robson to request an update on the Hardenhuish Hedge.**
- 021 C-10 New Church Lane sign installed.
- 022 D-6: **ACTION: Clerk to forward L Farmer Recreation Ground fence replacement quote to cllrs.**
- 023 D-10: **ACTION: Clerk to obtain quote for broken rail & posts on the Recreation Ground.**
- 024 D-14: Recreation Ground Toddler swing installed. Cllr Cawood received positive feedback from parishioners.

CLERK'S UPDATE

Correspondence for Consideration

- 025 07.04.26 N Steward email re Residential and dementia care in Malvern. Cllrs were unable to discuss as they had not received the email. **ACTION: Email 07.04.26 email from N Steward regarding dementia care in Malvern to cllrs. ACTION: Clerk to enquire if it is possible for Cllr R Jones to tour their facility.**
- 026 Taxi & Private Hire Consultation noted. Cllrs were unable to discuss as they had not received the email. **ACTION: Clerk to forward email to cllrs.**

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- Panels installed free of charge, no cost to building occupiers, stable prices and supports the National Grid
- Expected 30-40% reduced electricity costs
- Local ownership share opportunity
- Provides community engagement & local jobs
- It may be possible for panels to be installed on local buildings.
- Mr Strickland will forward the presentation to the Clerk. **ACTION: Clerk to forward presentation to cllrs.**

Minutes prepared by Sean Arble, Clerk to the Council, 06.05.26.