MINUTES

Minutes of an Extraordinary meeting of the **COUNCIL** held at The Guildhall, Mill Street, Ludlow on **THURSDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2026** at **7.00 PM.**

FC/242 PRESENT

Chair: Councillor Lyle

Councillors: Addis; Argent; Childs; Cowell; Eastaff; Gill (7.03PM); Ginger; Harris; Hepworth; Owen; Parry; Taylor

Officers: There were no officers present.

FC/243 HEALTH & SAFETY

The Mayor, Councillor Lyle, welcomed everyone to the Full Council meeting and made some health and safety announcements.

FC/244 RECORDING OF MEETINGS

The Mayor notified those present that under the Openness of Local Government Regulations 2014, recording and broadcasting is permitted during public session of Council Meetings. The act of recording and broadcasting must not interfere with the meeting.

FC/245 MEETING PROTOCOL

The Mayor reminded Members of the vital importance of mutual respect, professionalism, and full adherence to the Council's Code of Conduct, Standing Orders, and Meeting Protocol.

Councillors and officers have distinct yet complementary roles and work collaboratively in the best interests of the community. Councillors are responsible for setting policy and representing the public, while officers provide impartial advice and are tasked with implementing Council decisions.

During meetings, Members must conduct themselves with decorum, follow the established rules of debate, and respect the authority of the Chair. Disruptive

behaviour, undue pressure on officers, or prioritising personal interests above Council objectives undermines good governance and is contrary to the standards of conduct expected in Council proceedings.

Maintaining integrity, accountability, and a respectful environment is essential to ensuring effective and transparent decision-making.

FC/246 APOLOGIES

None.

FC/247 APPOINTMENT OF MINUTE-TAKER

RESOLVED DL/PA (unanimous)

That, in the absence of the Town Clerk, Councillor Cowell be appointed to take the minutes at this Extraordinary Meeting of the Full Council, in accordance with the Local Government Act, 1972, schedule 12, paragraph 41 (1).

FC/248 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED DL/PA (unanimous)

That Declarations of Interest be moved to the Closed Session in order for Councillors to determine if they had any interests to declare after having seen the paperwork.

FC/249 PUBLIC OPEN SESSION

A member of the public, who described himself as coming from Essex, spoke to Council saying that he wanted to come to see that the Council meeting was open to the public and having done so, he departed.

FC/250 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC: PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

RESOLVED DL/SH (unanimous)

That that the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item(s) of business pursuant to section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, and the meeting continue in closed session.

The meeting closed at 8.25 PM.

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Town Mayor Date

Closed session minutes will be issued for this meeting.