

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

Closed Session minutes of a meeting of the **EXTRA ORDINARY COUNCIL** held at The Guildhall, Mill Street, Ludlow on **MONDAY 5TH JANUARY 2026** at **7.00PM**.

Named votes were requested for all decisions

FC/332 CHURCHYARD WALLS TASK & FINISH GROUP

RESOLVED DL/ISB (unanimous)

For: DL/ PA/ DC/ KC/ SH/ JH/ IMM/ RO/ VP/ ISB/ MT

Against: None

Abstain: None

That Ludlow Town Council states its willingness to work with the PCC and SC to achieve a resolution without resorting to the Courts.

FC/333 RESOLVED DL/KC (9:2:0)

For: DL/ PA/ DC/ KC/ JH/ IMM/ RO/ ISB/ MT

Against: SH/VP

Abstain: None

That Ludlow Town Council is willing to hold a discussion with the PCC at a without prejudice meeting with a view to agreeing percentage contributions from all parties and with SC for in-kind percentage contributions.

FC/334 RESOLVED DL/KC (9:2:0)

For: DL/ PA/ DC/ KC/ JH/ IMM/ RO/ ISB/ MT

Against: SH/VP

Abstain: None

That without prejudice and subject to agreement on the split of costs, Ludlow Town Council agrees to be the Responsible Body for maintenance to enable grant funding applications.

FC/335 RESOLVED DL/MT (10:0:2)

For: DL/ PA/ DC/ KC/ JH/ IMM/ RO/ ISB/ MT

Against: None

Abstain: SH/VP

To delegate the drafting of the response to the Parochial Church Council's letter of 19th December 2025 to the Chair of the T&F group and the clerk, and that the draft is shared with Council by the end of the week.

Councillors Addis and Harris left the meeting at 8.51pm.

FC/336 RESOLVED DL/KC (unanimous)
For: DL/ DC/ KC/ JH/ IMM/ RO/ VP/ ISB/ MT
Against: None
Abstain: None

That all future correspondence received from the Parochial Church Council or Shropshire Council, or the Ludlow Town Walls Trust, is not passed to Geldards prior to being seen and considered by the Churchyard Walls Task & Finish Group and Council.

FC/337 RESOLVED DL/KC (unanimous)
For: DL/ DC/ KC/ JH/ IMM/ RO/ VP/ ISB/ MT
Against: None
Abstain: None

That a meeting between the Churchyard Walls Task & Finish Group, the Parochial Church Council and Shropshire Council be arranged as soon as possible after the letter has been sent to the Parochial Church Council.

FC/338 RESOLVED DL/KC (7:0:2)
For: DL/ DC/ KC/ JH/ IMM/ RO/ MT
Against: None
Abstain: ISB/VP

To be party to either a bilateral legal agreement with the PCC or preferably a trilateral agreement with the PCC and SC, with a view to protecting the legal position of our organisations and to protect all parties for the next 25 years.

Councillor Parry left the meeting at 8.58pm.

FC/339 RESOLVED JH/MT (unanimous)
For: DL/ DC/ KC/ JH/ IMM/ RO/ ISB/ MT
Against: None
Abstain: None

That Ed Morton and/ or Colin Richards are permitted to hold discussions with Historic England, St. Laurence DAC, Shropshire Council, and any other necessary organisation for the purposes of initial scoping prior to the creation of a specification. An expenditure limit of £3,000.00 applies to this matter.

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm.

Town Mayor

Date