

MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the **SERVICES COMMITTEE** held in the Guildhall, Mill Street, Ludlow on **WEDNESDAY 23rd JULY 2025** at **7.00PM..**

S25/026 PRESENT

Chair: Councillor Cowell

Councillors: Addis, Childs (Vice) Ginger, Lyle, Maxwell-Muller, Parry, Tapley and Taylor.

Officers: Gina Wilding, Town Clerk
Kate Adams, Deputy Town Clerk
Mark Hilton, DLF Supervisor
Julie Cox, Finance Assistant

S25/027 ABSENT

Councillors Gill, Harris and Hepworth were absent.

S25/028 WELCOME AND ESSENTIAL HOUSEKEEPING INFORMATION

The Chair, Councillor K Cowell, welcomed everyone to the Services Committee meeting at the Guildhall and explained housekeeping information.

S25/029 RECORDING OF MEETINGS

The Chair notified those present that under the Openness of Local Government Regulations 2014, recording and broadcasting is permitted during public session of Council Meetings.

S25/030 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Harris and Councillor Gill.

S25/031 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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None declared.

Conflicts of Interest

None declared.

Personal Interests

Councillor Lyle	Item 10	Knows Chair of the Civic Society
	Item 11	Knows Guerilla Gardeners
	Item 12	Knows bench repair volunteer
Councillor Childs	Item 15	Lives near Weyman Road Community Orchard
Councillor Parry	Item 10	knows contractor mentioned by Civic Society
	Item 12	Knows bench repair volunteer

S25/032 PUBLIC OPEN SESSION (15 minutes)

There were no members of the public present.

S25/033 LUDLOW UNITARY COUNCILLORS SESSION

Councillor Parry, Ludlow South was present but did not have any updates.

S25/034 MINUTES

RESOLVED KC/PA (8:0:1)

That the minutes of Services Committee meeting held on Wednesday 11th June 2025 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

S25/035 ITEMS TO ACTION

RESOLVED KC/DL (unanimous)

That the Items to action from Services Committee Wednesday 11th June 2025 be noted.

S25/036 GRASS CUTTING PRIORITIES & REWILDING AREA - HENLEY ROAD CEMETERY

RESOLVED KC/GG (8:0:1)

To note that grass cutting at the Baby area in the Cemetery is treated as priority, with all other areas to be cut on a rotational basis.

S25/037 RESOLVED GG/VP (5:4:0)

That due to the sensitivities associated with the cemetery, it is not considered appropriate for rewilding. All grassed areas within the cemetery will instead be maintained through a rotational cutting schedule.

S25/038 CASTLE GARDENS – CHAIN, POST & WALL PROJECT

RESOLVED KC/PA (7:0:2)

To note the response from the Civic Society.

That the item to be bought back to Full Council for consideration of works to be undertaken.

That the Civic Society to be approached to ascertain if financial assistance could be provided for the project.

S25/039 CASTLE GARDENS – REQUEST FROM GUERRILLA GARDENERS

RESOLVED MT/GG (8:0:1)

To approve the purchase, with funds from budget code 410/4303, and supply £200 worth of Westland Farm Manure from Homecare to Guerilla Gardeners to mulch the plants during the ongoing drought conditions.

S25/040 CASTLE GARDENS – REQUEST FROM BENCH VOLUNTEERS

RESOLVED GG/PA (unanimous)

To approve a request from Bench Volunteers that the council purchases and supplies bench maintenance/repair materials up to a value of £305.00. The expenditure will be from budget code 302/4222.

S25/041 API NATIONAL PLAY STRATEGY

RECOMMENDED IMM/GG (unanimous)

To ask Shropshire Council what action they will be taking in relation to the play strategy.

S25/042 BIENNIAL TREE SURVEY REPORT

RESOLVED KC/DC (unanimous)

To note the report and that quotations to be sought and brought back to next Services Committee meeting in September.

S25/043 WEYMAN ROAD COMMUNITY ORCHARD

RESOLVED KC/IMM (8:1:0)

To approve the development of the orchard in principle, and that plans and costings for trees, mulch and tree guards to be bought back to Services Committee for further consideration.

The meeting closed at 7.49pm.

Chairman

Date