

Market Drayton Town Council

Minutes of a Services and Facilities Committee Meeting Held in Room 2 at the Beacon Centre, Prospect Road, Market Drayton, TF9 3AP. on Thursday 12 March 2026 at 7.35pm.

PRESENT: Councillors: R. Adcock, J. Blandford, A. Cartwright, P. Glover, T. Manton (Chairman), I. Nellins and I. Sharp.

ABSENT: Councillors: R. Aldcroft, Mrs. J. Beckett, T. Beckett, G. Groves and R. Hughes.

1 member of the public was present and 1 member of the public listening via Teams.

In Attendance: Sue Thomas, Town Clerk, and Kate Harvey, Assistant Clerk.

Apologies were given by the Chairman for the late start of the meeting; this was due to a technical problem.

1.SF APOLOGIES

Members **NOTED** the following apologies:

Councillor Mrs. J. Beckett	-	Prior Appointment
Councillor T. Beckett	-	Prior Appointment
Councillor G. Groves	-	Prior Arrangement
Councillor R. Hughes	-	Prior Arrangement

2.SF DISCLOSABLE INTERESTS

- i. No disclosable interests were declared.
- ii. No dispensations were received for consideration.

3.SF PUBLIC SESSION

A member of the public had made a wish to speak at the meeting.

Councillor Glover proposed, Councillor Adcock seconded and it was **RESOLVED:**

To suspend Standing Orders to allow the resident to speak at the meeting.

The Chairman welcomed the resident to the meeting.

The resident raised his concerns about the condition of the roads within the town. He stated that many roads are in disrepair and expressed dissatisfaction with the quality of pothole maintenance.

The resident felt that Shropshire Council should be held accountable for highway maintenance and requested that the Town Council seek a schedule of works from

Shropshire Council. This would include planned road repairs as well as the timetable for when the road sweeper is scheduled to operate in the town.

He commented that the town appears to be falling into disrepair and was concerned that, if this continues, it could deter potential visitors and tourists.

Council members suggested the resident submits his concerns in a formal letter to Shropshire Council to be presented at a Cabinet meeting; the meetings are open to the public if he would like to attend in person. The Town Clerk confirmed that she would send details of upcoming Shropshire Council meetings to the resident.

The Chairman explained that the Town Council has increasingly been undertaking additional work due to gaps in services from Shropshire Council, including cleaning the entrances to the town and organising regular litter picks.

The resident was also encouraged to formally report all issues through the 'FixMyStreet' reporting portal run and monitored by Shropshire Council. This system logs concerns and allows residents to track updates on actions taken.

The resident thanked members for listening and helping with his concerns.

The meeting went back into Standing Orders.

4.SF MINUTES

Councillor Blandford proposed, Councillor Cartwright seconded and it was **RESOLVED:**

To agree and confirm the minutes of a Services and Facilities Committee meeting held on 29 January 2026.

5.SF TOWN PARK PLAY AREA

- i. Members considered a quote for repairing the roundabout on the Town Park as set out in Appendix SF191.

Councillor Adcock proposed, Councillor Sharp seconded and it was **RESOLVED:**

To agree and accept the quote at a cost of £1,765 to repair the roundabout on the Town Park. Funds to come from General Reserves.

- ii. Members discussed whether to progress with the play area extension and refurbishment.

Councillor Nellins proposed, Councillor Adcock seconded and it was **RESOLVED:**

To agree to progress with the play area extension and refurbishment at the Town Park.

iii. Members considered the preferred layout for the park extension as set out in Appendix 192.

After an in-depth discussion:

Councillor Adcock proposed, Councillor Nellins seconded and it was **RESOLVED:**

To agree the preferred layout to be option one for the extension of the Town Park.

6.SF CEMETERY CHARGES

Members considered increasing the Cemetery Fees for the financial year 2026/27 as set out in Appendix SF193.

After a brief discussion:

Councillor Glover proposed, Councillor Cartwright seconded and it was **RESOLVED:**

To agree a 3% increase in the Cemetery Fees for the financial year 2026/27; in line with inflation.

7.FG CEMETERY RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Cemetery Rules and Regulations with updates highlighted in red were forwarded to members prior to the meeting as set out in Appendix SF194.

Councillor Manton proposed, Councillor Cartwright seconded and it was **RESOLVED:**

To agree and adopt the revised Cemetery Rules and Regulations.

8.SF GRAVE SPACE

Members considered a resident's request for the Council to buy back a pre-purchased grave.

After a brief discussion:

Councillor Blandford proposed, Councillor Glover seconded and it was **RESOLVED:**

To buy back the pre-purchased grave, which was purchased in October 2006 and is no longer needed, at the original purchase price of £200.

9.SF UPDATES AND INFORMATION

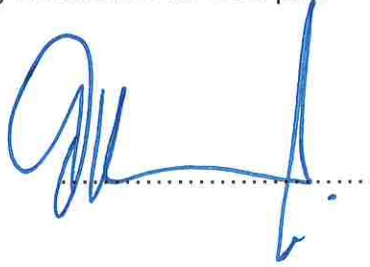
Members **NOTED** the following updates and information:

- i. The drivers rest room at Towers Lawn toilets is open for use.
- ii. The cemetery lease is still with the solicitor.

iii. The height of the hedge at the Cemetery has been reduced.

The meeting concluded at 8.02 pm.

Chairman:



Date:

04-06-26