

Market Drayton Town Council**Minutes of a Services and Facilities Committee Meeting
held at The Town Hall, Frogmore Road on Thursday 6 March 2025 at 8.18pm.**

PRESENT: Councillors: R. Aldcroft, Mrs. J. Beckett, T. Beckett, B. Chapman, P. Glover, R. Hughes, W. Love, T. Manton (Chairman), and I. Nellins.

ABSENT: Councillors: M. Erwin, G. Groves, and A. Sanderson.

0 members of the public were present and 1 member of the public listening via Teams.

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

1.SF APOLOGIES

Members **NOTED** the following apologies:

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| Councillor M. Erwin | - | Work Commitments |
| Councillor G. Groves | - | Prior Arrangement |

2.SF DISCLOSABLE INTERESTS

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

3.SF PUBLIC SESSION

No members of the public had requested to speak.

4.SF MINUTES

Councillor Chapman proposed, Councillor Aldcroft seconded and it was **RESOLVED** with 4 abstentions:

To agree and confirm the minutes of a Services and Facilities Committee meeting held on 23 January 2025.

To agree and confirm the minutes of an Extraordinary Services and Facilities Committee meeting held on 20 February 2025.

5.SF CEMETERY WALL

Members considered the three quotes for repointing and repairing part of the wall at the Cemetery as set out in Appendix SF164.

After a brief discussion:

Councillor Hughes proposed, Councillor Aldcroft seconded and it was **RESOLVED:**
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- To accept Quote A at a cost of £5,600.
- Payment to come from Cemetery Maintenance code within Earmarked Reserves.

6.SF CEMETERY FEES

Members considered increasing the Cemetery Fees for the financial year 2025/26 as set out in Appendix SF165.

After a brief discussion:

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

To agree to increase the Cemetery Fees by 3% for the financial year 2025/26.

7.FG MEMORIAL STONES

A report on the safety inspection of the memorials stones at the cemetery was circulated to members prior to the meeting as set out in Appendix SF166.

Members **NOTED** the safety inspections of the memorials report.

8.SF ALLOTMENT LEASE

Members considered issuing an updated lease to the Allotment Society for the management of three allotments sites within the town as set out in Appendix SF167.

Councillor Hughes proposed, Councillor Chapman seconded and it was **RESOLVED:**

To issue the updated lease to the Allotment Society for the management of three allotments within the town.

9.SF TREE MAINTENANCE

Members considered the quotes for the crowning of the trees on Prospect Road (opposite the Beacon Community Centre) as set out in Appendix SF168.

The Chairman said Town Council has previously used both arborists. The trees do have a Tree Preservation Order on them so planning permission will need to be applied for and granted before the works are carried out.

Councillor Chapman proposed, Councillor Aldcroft seconded and it was **RESOLVED:**

- To agree to submit a planning application for the crowning of the trees.
- To accept Quote 1 at a cost of £1,675 for the crowning of the trees on Prospect Road (opposite the Beacon Community Centre).

10.SF UPDATES/INFORMATION

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

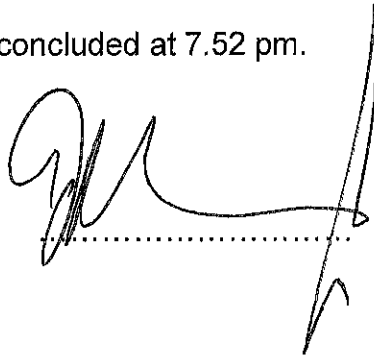
- The trees around the play area on Hampton Drive have been planted.
- The new play equipment on Grotto Road has been installed. The security fencing is still in place while the new turf settles, and the ground dries out.

A conversation was had about dog fouling on the parks. It was agreed to audit signage on the parks; to ask Shropshire Council how many fines have been issued for dog fouling in Market Drayton, especially on the parks and how many parks have bylaws on them.

- The Tender opportunity for the refurbishment of Towers Lawn Toilets has been published.
- Skatepark Light – as the lighting column is over 4 meters high planning permission is required. A planning application has been submitted to Shropshire Council.
- The repairs to the Chapel windows are ongoing.
- The fence at the cemetery has been repaired.

The meeting concluded at 7.52 pm.

Chairman:



Date:

29th May 2025.