

Market Drayton Town Council**Minutes of an Extraordinary Services and Facilities Committee Meeting
held at The Town Hall, Frogmore Road on Thursday 14 July 2022 at 7.00pm.**

PRESENT: Councillors: R. Aldcroft (Chairman), Mrs. J. Beckett, T. Beckett, B. Chapman, M. Erwin and T. Manton.

ABSENT: Councillors: A. Allen, R. Hughes, G. Chevins, I. Nellins, N. Roberts and M. Whittle.

1 member of the public were present and 4 members of the public listening to the meeting via Teams.

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

1.SF APOLOGIES

Members **NOTED** the following apologies:

Councillor A. Allen	-	Work Commitments
Councillor R. Hughes	-	Poorly
Councillor I. Nellins	-	Prior appointment
Councillor N. Roberts	-	Work Commitments
Councillor M. Whittle	-	Work Commitments

2.SF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

3.SF EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC PRESS

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

That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted which will involve the likely disclosure of exempt information relating to establishment and contractual matters as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972, and pursuant to the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be temporarily excluded from the meeting and they are instructed to withdraw.

One member of the public left the Chamber.

4.SF RECREATION AREA

The Chairman reported the piece of land at Chancel Drive which the playpark sits on and Town Council maintain is up for sale. The plot is up for auction on 27 July with a starting guide price of £1,000.

After a long and in-depth discussion:

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

- **That Shropshire Council purchase the plot of land at Chancel Drive either by negotiation prior to auction or at auction on behalf of the Town Council.**
- **To agree to purchase the land from Shropshire Council at a later date.**
- **To allocate up to £20,000 (to include all fees) from General Reserves for the plot of land.**
- **If Shropshire Council do not complete the purchase of the plot of land at Chancel Drive; to give delegated powers to the Clerk to purchase.**

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

To give delegated powers to the Clerk to instruct Councils solicitors to bid for the plot on Town Councils behalf if the land is not purchased by Shropshire Council.

The meeting concluded at 7.22 pm.

Chairman: Date: