

MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2025, AT THE PARISH CENTRE, ST MARYS ROAD LITTLE HAYWOOD, COMMENCING AT 7:30PM.

**PRESENT** (For all or part of the meeting): Cllr Plant (Chairman); Cllr Bloor (Vice Chairman); Cllr Boyce; Cllr Dunn; Cllr B Forster; Cllr M Forster; Cllr Hall; Cllr Hardwick; Cllr Martin; Cllr Meakin; Cllr Mosley; Cllr Upton-Loach and Cllr Walters.

**IN ATTENDANCE**: Revd Mr M Lennon (Chief Officer and Responsible Financial Officer); Mr A Egan (Deputy Chief Officer and Finance Officer); Miss F Alineri-Willis (Admin' Assistant); Cllr Cooper & Cllr McKeown (SBC).

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** One member of the public joined via the MSTeams link.

## **MINUTES**

- 1/25 Revd Mr Lennon led the Council in **PRAYERS**.
- **APOLOGIES** were received from Cllr Hill (poorly). Cllr Walters and Cllr Mosley noted that they would need to leave at 9:30pm.

**RESOLVED** to accept the reasons for absence.

**PROPOSED** Cllr Plant

**SECONDED** Cllr Bloor.

On being put to the vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

- 3/25 There were no **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**.
- WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION UNDER THE LOCALISM ACT 2011 were received from Cllr Hill (up to 3 months post illness); Cllr Martin (up to 8-months due to work) and Cllr Walters (up to 6 months recovery post operation).

**RESOLVED** to accept the requests and to grant dispensations from attending any Council meetings.

**PROPOSED** Cllr Plant

SECONDED Cllr Hall.

On being put to the vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

5/25 THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 19<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2024.

**RESOLVED** to agree and sign the minutes as a true and accurate record.

**PROPOSED** Cllr Plant

**SECONDED** Cllr Mosley.

On being put to the vote the Resolution carried unanimously.

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# 6/25 THE MINUTES OF THE EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 17<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2024.

**RESOLVED** to agree and sign the minutes as a true and accurate record.

**PROPOSED** Cllr Plant

**SECONDED** Cllr Hall.

On being put to the vote the Resolution carried unanimously.

# 7/25 THE MINUTES OF THE EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 16<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2025.

**RESOLVED** to agree and sign the minutes as a true and accurate record.

**PROPOSED** Cllr Plant

**SECONDED** Cllr Bloor.

On being put to the vote the Resolution carried unanimously.

# 8/25 THE MINUTES OF THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 4<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2024.

**RESOLVED** to agree and sign the minutes as a true and accurate record.

PROPOSED Cllr Hall

**SECONDED** Cllr Hardwick.

On being put to the vote the Resolution carried unanimously.

# 9/25 THE MINUTES OF THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 9<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2025.

**RESOLVED** to agree and sign the minutes as a true and accurate record.

**PROPOSED** Cllr Hardwick

**SECONDED** Cllr Plant.

On being put to the vote the Resolution carried unanimously.

# 10/25 THE MINUTES OF THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 27<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2025.

The Meeting was cancelled due to being inquorate.

# 11/25 THE MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 12<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024.

**RESOLVED** to agree and sign the minutes as a true and accurate record.

**PROPOSED** Cllr Bloor

**SECONDED** Cllr B Forster.

On being put to the vote the Resolution carried unanimously.

# 12/25 THE MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 12<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2024.

 **RESOLVED** to agree and sign the minutes as a true and accurate record.

**PROPOSED** Cllr M Forster SECONDED Cllr B Forster.

On being put to the vote the Resolution carried unanimously.

# 13/25 THE MINUTES OF THE EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 21<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER 2024.

**RESOLVED** to agree and sign the minutes as a true and accurate record.

**PROPOSED** Cllr Plant

**SECONDED** Cllr Hardwick.

On being put to the vote the Resolution carried unanimously.

# 14/25 THE MINUTES OF THE EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 30<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2025.

**RESOLVED** to agree and sign the minutes as a true and accurate record.

**PROPOSED** Cllr Hardwick

**SECONDED** Cllr Plant.

On being put to the vote the Resolution carried unanimously.

# 15/25 THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 14<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2024.

Defer to March meeting due to insufficient Cllrs being present who were also present at the meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

# 16/25 THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 20<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2025.

**RESOLVED** to agree and sign the minutes as a true and accurate record.

**PROPOSED** Cllr Plant

**SECONDED** Cllr Hardwick.

On being put to the vote the Resolution carried unanimously.

# 17/25 THE MINUTES OF THE LEISURE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2024.

**RESOLVED** to agree and sign the minutes as a true and accurate record.

PROPOSED Cllr Bloor

**SECONDED** Cllr Walters.

On being put to the vote the Resolution carried unanimously.

# 18/25 THE MINUTES OF THE LEISURE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 23<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY 2025.

**RESOLVED** to agree and sign the minutes as a true and accurate record with the following amendments:

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2/25L to amend "form" to "from"
4/25L to amend "Walter's" to "Walters's".

### **PROPOSED** Cllr Hall

**SECONDED** Cllr Hardwick.

On being put to the vote the Resolution carried unanimously.

## 19/25 THE MINUTES OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 21<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2024.

**RESOLVED** to agree and sign the minutes as a true and accurate record.

**PROPOSED** Cllr Plant

**SECONDED** Cllr Hardwick.

On being put to the vote the Resolution carried unanimously.

# 20/25 THE MINUTES OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 13<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2025.

**RESOLVED** to agree and sign the minutes as a true and accurate record.

**PROPOSED** Cllr Hardwick

**SECONDED** Cllr Plant.

On being put to the vote the Resolution carried unanimously.

## 21/25 THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 11<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024.

**RESOLVED** to agree and sign the minutes as a true and accurate record.

PROPOSED Cllr Bloor

**SECONDED** Cllr M Forster.

On being put to the vote the Resolution carried unanimously.

- 22/25 The CHAIRMAN'S REPORT was noted.
- 23/25 THE BOROUGH COUNCILLORS'S REPORTS were noted.

Cllr Upton-Loach arrived during the reports.

### 24/25 There was no COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT.

## 25/25 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

- a. The payments made by Standing Order, Direct Debit, Electronic Payment and cheques issued since the last Full Council meeting were noted. & ii
- b. The receipts received since the last Full Council meeting were noted. iii & iv
- c. The Bank Statements and Reconciliation were not presented.

## 26/25 A DEFIBRILATOR PADS AND BATTERIES BUDGET.

The Chairman took this item first.

**RESOLVED** to vire £2,000 from 4050 (Office Equipment) to 4416 (Defibrillators) and to carry forward any underspend into the Defibrillator earmarked reserve.

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### PROPOSED Cllr Bloor

## **SECONDED** Cllr Mosley.

On being put to the vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

#### 25/25 d. Virement between accounts.

**RESOLVED** to vire £5,000 from 4003 (NI); £5,500 from 4005 (Pension); £600 from 4017 (Travel); £355 from 4041 (Christmas Festivities) and £600 from 4043 (Sundry Festive Events).

**RESOLVED** to vire £9,575 to 4000 (Salaries) and £2,480 to 4001 (PAYE).

## PROPOSED Cllr Plant

**SECONDED** Cllr Bloor.

On being put to the vote, the resolution carried unanimously.

#### 27/25 **REVISED POLICIES**

## **RESOLVED** to agree and sign the following:

Protocol between Councillors and Officials (PD 017).

Whistleblower (PD018).

Dignity and Respect (PD019).

Pay Policy (PD108).

Employment Legislation (PD121).

Drugs (PD122).

Bullying (PD123).

Disciplinary (PD124).

Grievance (PD125).

Delegation (PD126).

**RESOLVED** that all Cllrs and officials, individually, sign PD017; PD019 and PD123.

### **PROPOSED** Cllr Plant

**SECONDED** Cllr Boyce

On being put to the vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

#### 28/25 **SPRING 2025 NEWSLETTER.**

### **RESOLVED** to include the following articles:

Marlborough Close Local Green Space Cllr Cooper (SBC)

Defibrillator's Cllr Hall

Environment (Chairman's report) Cllr Upton-Loach

Cllr Bloor St Mary's play area Shugborough Cllr M Forster

New Cllr Biographies Cllr Boyce/Cllr Meakin

Summer fete (Stalls/Stewards) Cllr Boyce

Assembly

Lengthsmen Chief Officer Chief Officer Finance (Budget/precept)

#### **PROPOSED** Cllr Plant **SECONDED** Cllr Bloor.

On being put to the vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

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### 29/25 THE 2025/26 BUDGET and 2025/26 PRECEPT.

The RFO and FO spoke to the prepared finance paper.

The RFO/FO recommended that the Council set a budget, in line with the Local Government Finance Act 1992 s.49A, of £290,375.

The RFO/FO recommended that, in line with LGFA1992 s49A(4) and Protocol Between Councillors and Officials (PD017 s.2.4.2), £273,166 be charged to the precept, a 29.3% increase on 2024/25.

The RFO/FO noted, based on their 2025/26 recommendation, that the indicative five-year precept increases, based on no additional services or projects, would be:

2025/26	29.3%
2026/27	4.3%
2027/28	4.5%
2028/29	4.6%
2029/30	4.6%.

During the presentation, the Chairman noted that the meeting had been running for 2-hours and so should be adjourned in line with Standing Order 1.26.

**RESOLVED** to continue for a further 30-minutes, in line with Standing Order 1.27.

### **PROPOSED** Cllr Walters

**SECONDED** Cllr Hardwick.

On being put to the vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

Cllr Mosley left the meeting

Following the presentation, Cllrs discussed the various options considered by the Finance Committee and the recommendation from the RFO/FO.

During the discussion, the Chairman noted that the meeting had been running for the additional 30 minutes and so should be adjourned in line with Standing Order 1.27.

**RESOLVED** to continue for a further and final 30-minutes, in line with Standing Order 1.27.

**PROPOSED** Cllr Upton-Loach SECONDED Cllr Bloor.

On being put to the vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED** to set a budget of £290,375.

## **PROPOSED** Cllr Plant

SECONDED Cllr Upton-Loach

On being put to the vote, the Resolution carried by a majority of those present and voting. A named vote was requested.

## **FOR**

Cllr Plant; Cllr B Forster; Cllr M Forster; Cllr Hardwick; Cllr Upton-Loach; Cllr Boyce; Cllr Bloor; Cllr Dunn; Cllr Walters; Cllr Hall and Cllr Meakin.

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### **AGAINST**

Cllr Martin

1) **RESOLVED** to accept the recommendation of the RFO/FO and set a precept of £273,166.

### **PROPOSED** Cllr Plant

### **SECONDED** Cllr Bloor

2) **RESOLVED** to set a precept of £241,166.25, as recommended by the Finance Committee, a 14.1% increase on 2024/25 with the indicative five-year precept increases of:

2025/26	14.1%
2026/27	12.8%
2027/28	9.5%
2028/29	4.6%
2029/30	4.6%

### PROPOSED Cllr Dunn

### **SECONDED** Cllr Hall.

As per Standing Orders and custom, Resolution 2 was voted on first.

A named voted was requested.

### **FOR**

Cllr B Forster; Cllr Hardwick; Cllr Boyce; Cllr Dunn; Cllr Walters; Cllr Hall; and Cllr Martin.

## **AGAINST**

Cllr Plant; Cllr Bloor; Cllr Upton-Loach and Cllr Meakin.

### **ABSTAIN**

Cllr M Forster.

**RESOLUTION 2** to set a precept of £241,166.25, a 14.1% increase on 2024/25, was carried by a majority of those present and voting.

## **30/25 DATE OF NEXT MEETING** to be 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

Meeting closed at 10:05pm

## Current & Deposit Bank A/cs Payments made between 01/12/2024 and 31/12/2024

### Nominal Ledger Analysis

Date	Payee Name	Reference	£ Total Amnt	£ Creditors	£ VAT	A/c	Centre	£ Amount	Transaction Details
01/12/2024	Ash Waste Services	DD	199.36		33.23	4308	301	166.13	AWS - Waste Collection
01/12/2024	DVLA	DD	12.25			4206	201	12.25	Van Road Fund Tax
05/12/2024	CloudyIT Ltd	DD	405.46		67.58	4053	101	248.60	MS365/Teams/Phon
						4303	301	89.28	LandlineTelephone
09/12/2024	Lloyds Bank Multipay Card	Transfer	209.29			203		209.29	Repayment of payment card
16/12/2024	Corona Energy Retail 4 Limitd	DD	249.81		11.90	4304	301	237.91	Electricity P Centre Nov
16/12/2024	Corona Energy Retail 4 Limitd	DD	150.05		7.15	4304	401	142.90	Electricity JPF Nov
19/12/2024	Hutchison 3G UK Ltd	DD	86.74		14.46	4303	301	72.28	Mobile phones Dec
23/12/2024	Sam's Electrical Services Ltd	EP	240.00		40.00	4041	105	200.00	Fit and check Christ tree ligh
23/12/2024	z	EP	505.00			4015	101	505.00	Membership fee ML
23/12/2024	z	EP	-505.00			4015	101	-505.00	Contra entry - ent'd in error
23/12/2024	SLCC	EP	505.00			4015	101	505.00	Membership fee - ML
23/12/2024	Benhill Press	EP	606.20		33.20	4028	103	407.00	Newsletter Autumn 2024
						4037	103	166.00	Chmas entry forms
23/12/2024	SLCC	EP	454.00		54.00	4010	102	400.00	Practitioners' Conf - FAW
23/12/2024	SLCC	EP	245.00			4015	101	245.00	Membership fee - SE
23/12/2024	SLCC	EP	674.80		90.80	4010	102	584.00	Practitioners Conf - SE
23/12/2024	Buxton's Ltd	EP	180.00		30.00	4211	201	150.00	Ride on mower service
31/12/2024	Water Plus	DD	35.10			4301	301	35.10	WaterPlus Dec 2024
31/12/2024	Unity Trust	DD	10.50			4019	101	10.50	Service charge
31/12/2024	Salaries, PAYE, NI, Pensions	Transfer	17,096.95			204		17,096.95	Salaries, PAYE, NI, Pensions
	Total Pay	ments:	21,360.51	0.00	382.32			20,978.19	

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## Lloyds Bank Multipay Card

## Payments made between 01/12/2024 and 31/12/2024

## Nominal Ledger Analysis

Date	Payee Name	Reference	£ Total Amnt	£ Creditors	£ VAT	A/c	Centre	£ Amount	Transaction Details
10/12/2024	East Staffs Borough Council	CARD	6.00			4017	102	6.00	Parking for 1st aid training
12/12/2024	East Staffs Borough Council	CARD	2.90			4017	102	2.90	Parking for 1st Aid training
17/12/2024	Ryman	CARD	7.99			4026	101	7.99	Plastic display folder
19/12/2024	Aldi Stores Limited	CARD	7.55		0.58	4031	101	6.97	Refreshments for meeting
26/12/2024	Lloyds Bank Plc	CARD	12.00			4019	101	12.00	Bank fee
	Total Payı	ments:	36.44	0.00	0.58			35.86	

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## **Current & Deposit Bank A/cs**

## Receipts received between 01/12/2024 and 31/12/2024

## **Nominal Ledger Analysis**

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	Name of Payer	£ Amnt Received	£ Debtors	£ VAT	A/c	Centre	£ Amount
Transaction De	<u>(all</u>						
BGC	Banked: 03/12/2024	40.00					
	R Zanfir	40.00			1200	105	
40.00	Donation						
BGC	Banked: 03/12/2024	778.65					
BGC							
	CCLA Investment Management 778.65 PSD	Ltd 778.65 F Dividend/Interest			1190	101	
BGC	Banked: 05/12/2024	30.00					
BGC							
	Food Folks (Staffordshire Limi	30.00			1200	105	
	30.00	Donation					
BGC	Banked: 05/12/2024	30.00					
BGC							
	Wendy Plant	30.00			1200	105	
	30.00	Donation					
	Total Receipts:	878.65	0.00	0.00			878.65
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## Lloyds Bank Multipay Card

## Receipts received between 01/12/2024 and 31/12/2024

## **Nominal Ledger Analysis**

Receipt Ref Transaction Def	Name of Payer tail	£ Amnt Received	£ Debtors	£ VAT	A/c	Centre	£ Amount
	Banked: <b>09/12/2024</b>	209.29					
	Current & Deposit Bank A/cs Repayment of payment	209.29			200		
	Total Receipts:	209.29	0.00	0.00			209.29

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