



St Andrews Parish Council

Draft Minutes of the Extraordinary Full Council Meeting
Held on Friday 18th July 2025 at 2:30 pm
at Redhouse Community Centre, Frankel Avenue, Swindon

Councillors Present: J Chandler, S Heyes, S MacDonald, V Williams and D Young

Officer Present: Cllr S Heyes was appointed to Clerk the meeting .

Public Present: 0

56: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from D Adams, P Morris, V Williams , C Adams, K Tomlinson, KBeyioku

57: DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr Jake Chandler and Cllr Vince Williams both declared an interest.

58: PUBLIC RECESS – There were no public Present

59: CHAIRMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman did not make any announcements :

60: GROUNDS MAINTENANCE PURCHASES

Councillor S Heyes presented the business case to purchases to purchase the Trimax snake 400 gang mower £5,500 +vat, Timbewolf TW160 Wood woodchipper £4850 +vat and Bomford side-arm £3500 +vat which are all at the end of lease this month. The grounds manager has predicted they have at least 5 years more life so the council was recommended to Purchase the Equipment at £13,750 plus VAT. This cost will be recouped within 12 months .

RESOLVED

To purchase the equipment mentioned above for £13,750 plus vat taken from the Grounds Budget by the end of July 2025.

61: EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC To RESOLVE that pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.

62: Clarification of Minutes

The Chair Cllr J Chandler reported that clarification of the minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 20 May 2025 were required.

First point.

Reallocate the money from the Office EMR account into a new EMR for Legal Costs.

Second Point was to instruct the Clerk to earmark up to £20,000 from General Reserves to the new Legal Cost EMR. Any unused money from the transfer will be returned to general reserves at the conclusion of the present legal proceedings

RESOLVED

A majority vote agreed that the balance of the Office EMR account should be transferred to a new Legal Cost EMR.

A majority vote agreed that the Clerk must earmark up to £20,000 from General Reserves to the new Legal Cost EMR and that any money not spent should be returned to general reserves at the conclusion of the legal proceedings

63: Payment of Council Legal Fees.

Councillor S Heyes reported that an invoice had been received from the Councils Legal representatives Thrings for legal work during June.

RESOLVED To instruct the Clerk to pay the amount of £2250 by the end of July to settle the invoice. Also to pay all future invoices when they are received.

The meeting closed at 2.52 pm

Chairman _____

Date _____