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Minutes

Meeting of : Full Council
Date : 26 May 2026
Meeting held in : City Hall, Salisbury
Commencing at : 1830 hours

Present:

Chair: Cllr V Charleston

Vice Chair:

Cllrs: A Bayliss, P Beaven, M Brown, S Charleston, B Dalton, S Foster, A Hoque, R Johnson, T Last, J Nettle, P Podger, E Rimmer, S Rideout, P Sample, C Taylor and J Wells.

Officers: Matthew Hine, Steve Bishop, Beth George, and Penny Muxworthy.

There were 10 members of the public and 1 member of the press present.

Cllr R Rogers arrived at 1858 hours.

Cllrs P Sample and P Podger left at 1953 hours.

1. Apologies:

Apologies were received from Cllrs J Bolwell, C Corbin, S Hocking, V Milos, A Riddle, and A Suddards.

2. Public Questions/Statement Time:

There were no questions or statements submitted by members of the public.

3. Councillor Questions/Statement Time:

There were no questions or statements submitted by councillors.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the meeting of the Full Council held on 09 March 2026 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

5. Declarations of Interest:

No declarations of interest were received.

6. Dispensations:

No dispensations were requested or granted.

7. Chair's Announcements:

The Chair updated the council on a busy first few weeks as Mayor and some of the functions she had attended.

8. Administration Leader Announcements:

Cllr S Charleston announced that there had been no update on the Central Car Park asset transfer. At the time of the meeting, Salisbury City Council were waiting for Wiltshire Council to formally present the offer for ratification.

9. Committee Memberships 2026/27:

Councillors considered the Committee Memberships for 2026/27.

A vote was taken, and it was:

Resolved to:

9.1. Note member representation on Committee Memberships for 2026/27.

10. Referral of Minutes:

Minutes taken since the Full Council meeting on 09 March 2026 were considered:

Planning Committee	16 March 2026
Governance, Policy and HR	23 March 2026
Environment Committee	13 April 2026
Planning Committee	20 April 2026
Annual Parish Meeting	27 April 2026

These were taken as read and noted.

11. Update from Outside Representatives:

The Council received verbal updates from representatives covering the Allotment

Association, Wiltshire Creative, the Salisbury Conservation Area Panel, The Flood Co-ordinator, and the Local Highways and Footpaths Improvement Group. Matters raised included allotment operational representatives, funding received by Wiltshire Creative through Arts Council England supported by match funding arrangements, conservation and heritage enforcement challenges affecting buildings at risk, and forthcoming Local Highways and Footpaths Improvement Group meeting arrangements. It was:

Resolved that:

11.1 The updates were noted.

12. Policing Update:

PCC Philip Wilkinson presented a report on the proposed Southern Policing Hub at Old Sarum. Members raised concerns regarding the lack of custody suite provision. PCC Wilkinson advised that custody provision was dependent on budgetary and operational decisions made by the Chief Constable. It was:

Resolved to:

12.1. Note the update from the Police and Crime Commissioner.

13. Highways Presentation:

National Highways presented the proposed works to the A36 Southampton Road. Questions were raised regarding potential obstacles, traffic modelling, and the timeline.

A vote was taken, and it was:

Resolved to:

13.1. Note the presentation.

14. Order of Precedence:

Councillors considered the Order of Precedence for 2026/27.

A vote was taken, and it was:

Resolved to:

14.1. Agree the Order of Precedence for 2026/27.

15. Annual Risk Management Review:

Matthew Hine, Head of Business, presented the Council's Risk Management Strategy and an update on the Strategic Risk Register. There was a discussion regarding annual, statutory safeguarding training for all councillors.

A vote was taken, and it was:

Resolved to:

15.1. Note the review of the Strategy for 2026/27.

15.2. Note the Council's Strategic Risk Register for 2025/26.

16. De-Watering Bay Update:

Councillors received an update from Mostyn Coombes, Interim Head of Environment, on the progress of the de-watering bay at Tollgate Road Depot. It was:

Resolved to:

16.1. Note the update on the progress.

17. Section 106 - River Park:

Councillors received a report from Mostyn Coombes seeking approval of Environment Committee recommendation concerning the River Park S.106 obligations.

A vote was taken, and it was:

Resolved to:

17.1 Approve allocation of up to £75,000 in 2025/26 for the purchase of a tractor.

17.2 Approve the Officer recommendation to allocate the remaining balance over a 15-year period, rather than 20, 30, 40, or 50 years, to preserve value against inflation and match equipment lifecycles.

18. Section 106 - Queen Elizabeth Gardens:

Councillors received a report from Mostyn Coombes to ask Full Council to approve the transfer of £39,830.00 from section 106 Queen Elizabeth Gardens S/1994/1488-C to the General Reserve.

A vote was taken, and it was:

Resolved to:

18.1. Approve the transfer of £39,830 remaining funds from Queen Elizabeth Gardens s.106 to the General Reserve in order to provide a revenue budget in 2026/27.

19. Section 106 - St Peter's Place:

The Council received the report from Mostyn Coombes regarding the transfer of two

football pitches to the City Council, together with a financial contribution to support the ongoing maintenance of the pitches and the construction of a changing room facility.

During discussion, members expressed support for community engagement as the project develops.

A vote was taken, it was:

Resolved to:

- 19.1. Agree in principle for the transfer of two football pitches at St Peter's Place under the terms of the existing Section 106 agreement; and
- 19.2. Agree in principle to accept financial contributions totalling £799,297, to fund pitch maintenance and the construction of a changing room facility, ahead of an official legal agreement from Wiltshire Council.

20. Scheme of Delegation:

Matthew Hine presented a report seeking Full Council approval for Version 17 of Annex A, Scheme of Delegation, of the Standing Orders.

Proposed: Cllr B Dalton

Seconded: Cllr T Last

A vote was taken, and it was:

Resolved to:

- 20.1. Approve and adopt Version 17 of Annex A, Scheme of Delegation, of the Standing Orders.

21. Tree Policy Motion:

Cllr C Taylor presented Motion NM67 regarding the tree policy. A local resident addressed the Council regarding concerns relating to the tree and its impact on their property. Members discussed the Council's Tree Policy, the number of trees currently under the Council's jurisdiction, and the estimated cost of the proposed works.

Proposed: Cllr Taylor

Seconded: Cllr Nettle

A vote was taken, and the motion was **not carried**.

22. Urgent Matters (if any) which by reason of special circumstances the Chair, decides should be considered as a matter of urgency:

There were no matters considered under this item.

The meeting closed at 2033 hours.

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