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The Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Full Council held on Wednesday 29th October 2025 at 6pm

PRESENT: Cllrs L Brazier (Chair), D Batey, P Beedle, A Brazier, R Fazil, D Gallop, G Lake, J Munroe, M Pringle, L Shilling, R Shilling, M Staley, S Willis

Mrs K Wakefield – Clerk Mrs Janine Fletcher – Deputy Clerk

One member of the public

APOLOGIES: None

Resolved: N/A

Declarations of members interests: None

Declaration of any intentions to record the meeting: None

FC/25/140 To approve the Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Wednesday 10th September 2025

The Minutes, having previously been circulated, were signed as a true and correct record.

FC/25/141 Clerks Report (items not already covered on the agenda)

The Clerk reported that having received confirmation from the District Council that no one had called an election whilst the Casual vacancy was being advertised, the notice for Co-option will be placed in the noticeboards tomorrow.

The Clerk reminded members that following her email regarding the Dukeries Academy consultation for the new purpose built school, the consultation will be taking place in the Concert Hall at the Academy on 7th November 2025, 3.30pm until 7.00pm. All are welcome to attend and ask questions, there will also be a virtual presentation.

The Clerk has made contact regarding the Aquasac's and the storage and 24hr access issues surrounding them. A meeting is being arranged with an Officer from NSDC the Clerk and 2 Councillors to discuss the issues and hopefully achieve a satisfactory outcome. An action group of volunteers has been set up in Lowdham, FLAG, and it was suggested that one of the local Ollerton Village groups could take on this project.

FC/25/142 To suspend Standing Orders to allow for:

1. Questions or Statements from Members of the Public

A member of the public raised several issues regarding the Maun Trail:
Fly tipping; flooding (possibly caused by the development site); Himalayan Balsam is becoming an issue and the trail looks a complete mess.

The trail behind Maun School is also unusable and the riverbank is giving way.

It was suggested that a letter could be written to the County Council, the Environment Agency, the District Council Planning Enforcement Team, and the local NCC Cllr.

FC/25/143 To resume Standing Orders

Standing orders were resumed

FC/25/144 To formally instruct The Clerk to carry out any actions discussed while Standing Orders were suspended

Following discussion the Clerk was instructed to write to the relevant bodies regarding the issues with the Maun Trail.

FC/25/145 To receive any Questions to Council from Members

Cllr Lake asked if a visit had been arranged to look around Ollerton Hall. The Clerk will email NSDC Officers to arrange this.

Members discussed the derelict properties in Ollerton Village which are all owned by Sam Smith's Brewery. One of which had recently had the asbestos removed from its roof. Members were informed that compulsory purchase was impossible to carry out on Sam Smith buildings due to a clause in the contracts made prior to Humprey Smith inheriting them.

FC/25/146 To receive any written reports to from District and County Councillors

None received.

FC/25/147 Finance & Audit

1. To receive the schedule of accounts for payment

An amended Schedule of Accounts for Payment was tabled, duly approved and signed.

The Clerk as RFO reminded members that all invoices were available on the table for inspection at this meeting.

2. To note the conclusion of the 2024/2025 Audit.

Noted. The staff were thanked by the Mayor for their hard work.

3. To consider a Grant Funding Request from Lifespring Church

Following discussion it was

Resolved: that Grant Funding be given to Lifespring Church in the sum of £824.

FC/25/148 Special Projects

1. To receive any relevant updates on Town Centre Regeneration

The Clerk confirmed that the Heads of Terms had now been agreed and that the council's solicitor had said it had been a pleasure to work on this project and with the Town Council.

Cllr R Shilling had put forward the proposal that images of the project be used on the boarded up buildings, ie the bank and the Forest Centre. The Clerk confirmed that she had taken this idea to the District Council who were looking into this, the boards would need to be treated with an anti-graffiti coating.

FC/25/149 Environment Committee

1. To receive any updates on the installation of youth shelters

The Clerk reported that further vandalism had been carried out at Central Park on the youth shelters and the Police had been notified.

S106 monies from the District Council could be available to finance the cost of the shelters.

2. To receive a report from the Clerk re the Graffiti Art Project

The project had worked well with 30 plus youngsters on site. The areas had been coated with anti-graffiti covering after the project had been completed. The Clerk informed members that the District Council had decided to pay for all of the project.

The youngsters from the Dukeries Centre had also used the event as a fundraising opportunity, they were looking to raise enough funds to purchase a stand mixer for the youngsters to use at the Centre. They had been advised to contact the Town Council with regards to a funding application. The Clerk is to obtain information from the youth worker regarding the stand mixer.

Councillors requested a visit to Central Park, this could take place prior to the Environment Committee meeting next week.

3. To receive an update on the War memorial and Kohima stone

The contractor had completed the works to both memorials and had carried out a good job.

4. To reconsider the installation of CCTV in Central Park

A discussion took place regarding installation of CCTV at Central Park and the Clerk was instructed to contact an Officer at the District Council for a breakdown of the costings and further information on how it could be monitored and also to invite the Officer to visit the site.

FC/25/150 Junior Town Council

1. To receive any updates relating to the Junior Town Council

JTC not met yet, next meeting 11th November.

FC/25/151 Events

1. To receive brief updates on the following 2025 events

A. Scarecrow Festival – 18th October 2025

A very high standard of scarecrows this year with 19 entries.

1st place – Sherwood Crematorium (this was the one most like a traditional scarecrow)

2nd place – Boughton Manor Care Home

3rd place - Parkgate

B. Remembrance Sunday – 9th November 2025

Displays have been going up around the town.
Marshals and first aid are being provided.
Rev Richard and the Ollerton Branch RBL are in charge of the service.

C. Christmas Lights – Friday 21st November 2025

More entertainment is required for the stage area.
Fairground provider as last year.
District Council Officer has provided support from their funding pot in the sum of £1,000.

FC/25/152 Outside Bodies

1. To receive a report from Cllrs L Shilling and A Brazier re Sherwood Forest Crematorium

Cllrs L Shilling and A Brazier along with the Town Clerk and Deputy Clerk had had a very informative meeting at the Crematorium.

A carol service was being scheduled for November/December and a future visit is to be arranged.

2. To agree the reports for the next meeting

Cllr G Lake – The Furniture Project and Ollerton Jubilee Hall

FC/25/153 To receive the draft minutes of the following committees and working parties and note the decisions made thereto:

The following minutes were noted:

1. Events Working Party – 8th September & 13th October 2025
2. Environment Committee – 16th September 2025
3. Planning Committee – 23rd September 2025

FC/25/154 To note items for inclusion on future agendas

FC/25/155 To note the date and time of the next meeting - Wednesday 17th December 2025 at 6pm

Meeting closed at 19.48