

TENBURY TOWN COUNCIL 2025/26 MEETING T04

**Minutes of the meeting of TENBURY TOWN COUNCIL held on
Monday 7th July 2025 at 7.00 pm
in The Pump Rooms, off Teme Street, Tenbury Wells, WR15 8BA**

PRESENT: Cllrs S. Bowkett, E. Bunting, R. Connolly, M. Davies, A. Gould, D. Ingram
F. Knight, D. Patrick, R. Perrin (Chair), S. Russell and B. Smith.

IN ATTENDANCE: The Town Clerk, the Assistant to the Town Clerk, Worcestershire
County Council, Cllr. J. Bowen, Malvern Hills District Councillors, Cllr. L. Bruton and Cllr.
A. Wilmott and 13 members of the public.

C25.82 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Members received apologies for absence from Cllr. L. Davies due to a family
commitment.

C25.83 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made, under the Code of Conduct pursuant to the
Localism Act 2011 in respect of items on the agenda.

C25.84 DISPENSATIONS

The Town Clerk stated that there had been no requests for dispensation.

C25.85 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

(i) Public Question Time – General

The Director of S.E.N.S.E spoke in support of agenda item **C25.88 SKATEPARK.**

S.E.N.S.E. Community Interest Company, under the name of the Pulse Point,
requests permission in principle to develop a proposal and investigate funding
sources for a community led redevelopment of the current skatepark facility owned
by the Town Council.

A Member stated that while redevelopment of the area would be a good idea, to
decide he would require further information on the plan and asked if the proposal
would be using the same concrete footprint that is currently there.

The representative stated that she was seeking permission in principle to then
develop the plan and that the intent is to stay within the same footprint of the
current facility.

A Member asked if she intended to include a covered area in the plan.

The representative stated that the redevelopment would be staged with the first
stage being to re-position the current equipment to a more concentrated, central
position with the addition of a Pump Track around the perimeter. A second stage
could include a covered area with solar panels on the roof to provide power to the
area which could be used for lighting, security cameras and music.

A Member asked what other funding had been explored.

The representative stated that if the project can be given permission, then further
funding could be sought. An expression of interest has been submitted to the
Malvern Hills District Council Legacy Fund, due to the deadline for applications. In
addition, Worcestershire County Council, Cllr. Bowen has pledged £1,000 to
provide marketing materials to assist in canvassing the community for support.



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(i) **Safer Neighbourhood Police Team**

A report was received and circulated.

(ii) **Worcestershire County Council**

Cllr. Bowen's report had been received and circulated.

In addition to his report, Cllr. Bowen gave an update on the Kyre Bridge stating that the plans for the upgrade of the bridge would still go ahead, however currently there was no timescale for the works.

Cllr. Bowen also offered his support to the Pulse Point skatepark project proposal and stated that he is keen to boost the voice of the youth. He has spoken with the David and Christine Lloyd-Jones Foundation, and the foundation would be keen to offer financial support to the project too.

(iii) **Malvern Hills District Council**

Cllr. Bruton and Cllr. Wilmott submitted reports, which had been circulated.

Cllr. Bruton highlighted the Visit the Malverns website data with the 3rd highest blog being the 'Top 10 Things to See and Do in and Around Tenbury Wells'.

C25.86 MINUTES

To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting of Tenbury Town Council held on 9th June 2025.

It was proposed by Cllr. E. Bunting seconded by Cllr. B. Smith and unanimously

RESOLVED:

The minutes of the meeting of Tenbury Town Council held on 9th June 2025 were confirmed as a true and accurate account of the meeting. The minutes were duly signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

C25.87 DRAFT MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Members received and noted the draft minutes of the following Committee meetings:

- Planning Committee – 23rd June 2025
- Finance & Staffing Committee – 23rd June 2025

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Davies seconded by Cllr. B. Smith and unanimously

RESOLVED:

To note the draft minutes of the following Committee meetings:

- (i) **Planning Committee – 23rd June 2025**
- (ii) **Finance & Staffing Committee – 23rd June 2025**

C25.88 SKATEPARK

Members considered a request from S.E.N.S.E Community Interest Company for permission in principle to redevelop the skatepark.



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It was proposed by Cllr. R. Connolly seconded by Cllr. S. Bowkett and unanimously

RESOLVED:

To agree the request from S.E.N.S.E Community Interest Company for permission in principle to redevelop the skatepark.

C25.89 WEST MERCIA POLICE COMMUNITY CHARTER

It was proposed by Cllr. S. Russell seconded by Cllr. B. Smith and

RESOLVED: (10 For, 1 Abstention)

- (i) **To agree the Council's top three community issues to inform policing priorities for the next quarter to be:**
 - **Anti-social Behaviour**
 - **Speeding**
 - **Drugs.**
- (ii) **To provide supporting information to ensure targeted response by the Safer Neighbourhood Police Team.**
- (iii) **To request the Police and Crime Commissioner to attend the next scheduled Council meeting.**

C25.90 PLANNING APPLICATIONS – MALVERN HILLS DISTRICT COUNCIL

Applications can be viewed by following the link and searching on the applications/reference number.

<https://plan.malvern hills.gov.uk/>

(i) Planning Ref: M/25/00750/FUL

Erection of agricultural building for livestock and storage – Hayes Farm, St. Michaels, Tenbury Wells, WR15 8TL.

It was proposed by Cllr. R. Connolly seconded by Cllr. B. Smith and unanimously

RESOLVED:

To SUPPORT the application Planning Ref: M/25/00750/FUL

(ii) Planning Ref: M/25/00900/HP

Proposed single storey side and rear extension – Red Oak, Terrills Lane, Tenbury Wells, WR15 8DD.

It was proposed by Cllr. S. Russell seconded by Cllr. M. Davies and unanimously

RESOLVED:

To SUPPORT the application Planning Ref: M/25/00900/HP



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C25.91 INSURANCE

It was proposed by Cllr. S. Russell seconded by Cllr. R. Connolly and

RESOLVED: (10 For, 1 Abstention)

- (i) **To note the extension for the flood cover.**
- (ii) **To agree the actions requested by Zurich.**
- (iii) **To agree, in principle, the services of Previsico, subject to cost.**

C25.92 TELEPHONE KIOSK

Members considered a request from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for the former telephone kiosk, located at Wheeler Orchard, to be transferred to the Town Council together with a grant of £250.00 towards the maintenance of the box following a complaint from a resident or alternatively, request for the kiosk to be removed.

Following discussion on the condition of the kiosk and the financial implications, it was proposed by Cllr. S. Russell seconded by Cllr. E. Bunting and unanimously

RESOLVED:

To request the former telephone kiosk located at Wheeler Orchard be removed.

C25.93 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

Whilst Members noted that the Council had resolved not to undertake a Neighbourhood Plan other town and parishes may wish to in the future. Tenbury Town Council, therefore, acknowledges that:

- Neighbourhood planning empowers local communities to shape the development and growth of their areas through the creation of Neighbourhood Plans.
- The preparation of Neighbourhood Plans requires significant time, expertise and financial resources, often placing a burden on parish and town councils.
- Neighbourhood Plans contribute to more democratic, locally informed planning decisions and support the delivery of sustainable development aligned with community needs and aspirations.

It was proposed by Cllr. R. Connolly seconded by Cllr. S. Russell and

RESOLVED:

- (i) **Members noted the Government's announcement, as part of the June 2025 Spending Review, that the community grant funding for neighbourhood planning is to be withdrawn.**
- (ii) **Members agreed a response to the Malvern Hills District Council's Neighbourhood Planning survey.**
- (iii) **Members agree to support Worcestershire CALC's campaign for the Government to provide increased and sustained funding to support the development, review and implementation of Neighbourhood Plans.**



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- (iv) **Call upon His Majesty's Government to provide increased and sustained funding to support the development, review and implementation of Neighbourhood Plans.**
- (v) **Request that the Government ensures funding is accessible to all communities, to promote inclusivity and fairness in the planning process.**
- (vi) **Write Dame Harriett Baldwin DBE MP and the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government to communicate this resolution and advocate for advances support for neighbourhood planning.**

C25.94 FLOODING ISSUES

The Town Clerk stated that the Environment Agency were working on a program for undertaking the flood resilience surveys.

There has been no update on a date for a visit from the Minister for the Environment.

C25.95 REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

To receive reports from the representatives on outside bodies:

- (i) CALC Area Meeting – Mayor & Deputy Mayor – No update.
- (ii) Regal Tenbury Trust Ltd – Mayor & Town Clerk – The Regal held their Family Festival on the Burgage on Sunday 6th July. The event was very well attended.
- (iii) Tenbury Area Partnership – Deputy Mayor- No report.
- (iv) Tenbury Museum – Cllr Patrick – Nothing further to report.
- (v) Chamber of Trade – Mayor – Nothing to report.
- (vi) Philip Baylies Trust – Cllr Ingram – Nothing to report.
- (vii) Tenbury French Twinning Association – Cllr L. Davies – No report.
- (viii) Tenbury Blooms - No report.
- (ix) Malvern Hills District Youth Action Network – Cllr F. Knight – Meeting cancelled.
- (x) Tenbury Flood Action Group – Cllr B. Smith – Nothing further to report.

C25.96 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Members agreed the exclusion of Press and Public on the grounds that the consideration of the following items may involve the likely disclosure of confidential information Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

C25.97 DAVID & CHRISTINE LLOYD JONES FOUNDATION

Members received an update.

The Town Clerk was requested to arrange a meeting with the foundation.

C25.98 LEASE OF LAND

The Town Clerk to request a presentation and arrange an Extra Ordinary meeting, scheduled for Monday 21st July.



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C25.99 CODE OF CONDUCT

C25.100 RE-ADMISSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

There being no further confidential business, Members agreed a motion to readmit the press and public for the remainder of the meeting.

C25.101 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Bowling Green – Facilities Committee

C25.102 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 8th September 2025 at 7:00pm

Meeting closed at 8.15 pm

Signed

Date

