

Wellington Town Council

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Full Council Minutes of 9th September 2025, held at Civic Offices, starting at 7.00pm.

Cllr. R. Snell – Mayor	Cllr. E. Holding	Cllr. J. Gorse	Cllr. M. Jobe	Cllr. S. Day
Cllr. L. Jinks	Cllr. S. Williams	Cllr. J. McGinn	Cllr. A. Lowe	Cllr. L. Carter
Cllr. G. Cook	Cllr. G. Luter	Cllr. U. Ahmed	Cllr. P. Davis	Cllr G. Davis

Also in attendance; Karen Roper CEO/Town Clerk and members of the public, Phil Morris-Jones, Sam Williams and press officer David Tooley.

51/25	Welcome – The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and in the absence of Reverend Carter, he invited Rev. Nick Brooke to lead prayers. The Mayor thanked Rev. Brooke for Prayers, who then left the meeting. The CEO/Town Clerk had tabled a resume of the Mayors' attendance at events (list attached to the official minutes). The meeting started at 7.05pm.
52/25	Police Report – Sgt. Cole had sent his apologies due to circumstances beyond his control.
53/25	Apologies – Were received from Cllrs. Tomlinson, Cllr S. de Launey, Latter, Pierce and Woolley. The following members voted in favour of acceptance of these apologies, Cllrs. Snell, Holding, Gorse, Jobe, Day, Jinks, Williams, McGinn, Lowe, Carter, Cook, Luter, Ahmed, P. Davies and G. Davis, there were no votes against and no abstentions.
54/25	Leave of Absence – The Mayor called on members to approve a leave of absence for Cllr Tomlinson. Cllr Davis proposed approval, and he was seconded by Cllr Jobe. The following members voted in favour Cllrs. Snell, Holding, Gorse, Jobe, Day, Jinks, Williams, McGinn, Lowe, Carter, Cook, Luter, Ahmed, P. Davies and G. Davis, there were no votes against and no abstentions. Cllr Jinks proposed a letter of condolence is sent to Cllr. Tomlinson on behalf of the Council, all members agreed.
55/25	To receive and approve declarations of interest – None were forwarded at this point in the meeting.
56/25	To approve the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 8th July 2025 as a true and accurate record: Cllr Jinks referred to minute reference 49/25 and asked for an amendment to line five. She requested the addition of the words 'with Admaston, Bratton and Shawburch' to read, <i>there is a clear division with Admaston, Bratton and Shawburch having their own community and should therefore be served by its own parish council.</i> With the addition of the above amendment, it was proposed by Cllr Gorse and seconded by Cllr Jinks that the minutes were a true and accurate record. The following members Cllrs. Snell, Holding, Gorse, Jobe, Day, Jinks, Williams, McGinn, Lowe, Carter, Cook, Luter, Ahmed, P. Davies and G. Davis, there were no votes against and no abstentions.
57/25	Matters Arising from those minutes. – None as all are covered in the committee reports.

58/25	To receive the minutes of Wellington Town Council Committees and to note the recommendations therein. a) Policy and Resources Committee minutes and confidential notes dated 05.08.25 and 02.09.25 - Cllr P. Davis presented the minutes of both meetings page by page, there were no comments from members. b) Planning Committee meeting minutes dated 06.08.25 and 27.08.25 – Cllr Cook presented the minutes of both meetings, there were no questions from members. c) E&C meeting minutes of 29.07.25 – Cllr Holding presented the minutes wished to pass on her thanks the Events and Library team who had worked with partners, the Orbit, and other local businesses to deliver fantastic events throughout the summer months at Bowring Park, in Market Square and the Library. Cllr P. Davis wished to echo her comments stating that events increase footfall which helps our local businesses, and he was proud of what had been achieved. Cllr Gorse echoed Cllr Davis's comments stating the scarecrow event at the weekend was a great success and the Resident Poet had delivered an amazing reading of her poem in the Square. She added that the mayors diary of events again demonstrated how much was happening in Wellington. d) Community Library and Residents Hub Committee meetings minutes dated 15.07.25, and 26.08.25. - Cllr Davis the Library become a significant asset. He wished to thank fellow committee members and the library staff for the work undertaken to make the transition such a success. The Community Library had attracted funding from the Wrekin Housing Group and Lovells to enable delivery of a calendar of community events. Library usage had increased, helped by the reopening of the refurbished swimming pool and this year 108 children were involved in the Summer Reading Challenge. There were no questions from members. (Cllr Lowe added the cyclist delivery group were against undertaking DBS checks as they did not enter properties. Not sure if we wish to include this comment)
59/25	The Wellington Conservation Area Working Group Meeting of 30.07.25 - In the absence of Cllr Tomlinson and Cllr Pierce, Cllr McGinn confirmed that the minutes were a true and accurate record. He said a lot of hard work is being done by volunteers.
60/25	The Regeneration Partnership meeting dated 17.07.25 – Cllr P. Davis presented the minutes of the meeting page by page, there were no comments from members.
61/25	To Adopt the Grant Awarding Policy and Application Form. – Cllr P. Davis proposed adoption of the Policy and Application form, he was seconded by Cllr Cook. The following members voted in favour, Cllrs. Snell, Holding, Gorse, Jobe, Day, Jinks, Williams, McGinn, Lowe, Carter, Cook, Luter, Ahmed, P. Davies and G. Davis, there were no votes against and no abstentions
62/25	To receive the reports from the Community Action team for July and August 2025. – The report had been circulated with the agenda. There were no questions from members.
63/25	Letter from the Orbit - The Mayor said he had received a request from the Orbit to provide a letter of support for their Architectural Heritage Fund Heritage Revival application. The letter arrived after the agenda with a deadline of 20th September, so he asked members to agree in principle to this request. Members were in full agreement.
64/25	The next Full Council meeting was agreed as Tuesday 14th October 2025.
Chairman.....14th October 2025	