



SHIFNAL TOWN COUNCIL

A G E N D A

31st January 2025

TO ALL MEMBERS OF SHIFNAL TOWN COUNCIL

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to attend the Extraordinary Full Council meeting of the Town Council to be held on THURSDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2025 at 6:00 pm at Shifnal Community Hub, Tudor Way, Shifnal, TF11 8DJ.

Yours faithfully

Denise Reynolds
Town Clerk
SHIFNAL TOWN COUNCIL

NOTE TO THE PUBLIC:

Members of the public and press are most welcome to attend meetings of Shifnal Town Council. To ensure that meetings do not become prolonged, Standing Orders provide that members of the public are permitted to make representations, raise and answer questions and give evidence **only in respect of any item of business included in the agendas** during this public session which covers all meetings held on this date. However, public participation must be confined to this section of the meeting only.

The period of time which is designated for public participation in accordance with Standing Orders shall not exceed 15 minutes. Each member of the public is entitled to **speak once only in respect of business itemised on the agendas** and shall not speak for more than 3 minutes. A person shall raise his hand when requesting to speak and stand when speaking (except when a person has a disability or is likely to suffer discomfort). The Chairman of the meeting may at any time permit a person to be seated when speaking.

A question asked by a member of the public during a public participation session at a meeting shall not require a response or debate although the Chairman may direct that a response to a question posed by a member of the public be referred to a Councillor for an oral response or to the Town Clerk for an oral response.

- NB:**
1. Standing Orders are available on the Council's website, or on request from the Town Clerk or Council Office and are subject to periodic review, taking advice from the National Association of Local Councils;
 2. Temporary exclusion of the public and press may be necessary at any meeting to discuss matters of a special and/or confidential nature;
 3. **Due to limited seating capacity (10 seats), please contact the Council to book your place. Email address info@shifnaltowncouncil.gov.uk or telephone 01952 461420**

Citation from Shifnal Town Council Code of Conduct:

As a councillor:

1.1 I treat other councillors and members of the public with respect.

1.2 I treat local authority employees, employees and representatives of partner organisations and those volunteering for the local authority with respect and respect the role they play.

Respect means politeness and courtesy in behaviour, speech, and in the written word. Debate and having different views are all part of a healthy democracy. As a councillor, you can express, challenge, criticise and disagree with views, ideas, opinions and policies in a robust but civil manner. You should not, however, subject individuals, groups of people or organisations to personal attack.

In your contact with the public, you should treat them politely and courteously. Rude and offensive behaviour lowers the public's expectations and confidence in councillors.

In return, you have a right to expect respectful behaviour from the public. If members of the public are being abusive, intimidatory or threatening you are entitled to stop any conversation or interaction in person or online and report them to the local authority, the relevant social media provider or the police. This also applies to fellow councillors, where action could then be taken under the Councillor Code of Conduct, and local authority employees, where concerns should be raised in line with the local authority's councillor- officer protocol.

570/24 Fire Safety Announcement

571/24 Public Session

572/24 Commencement of Business

573/24 Apologies received from Councillors

574/24 Declaration of Members' Interest

To receive declarations and requests for dispensations about any items under consideration on this agenda in accordance with the Localism Act 2011, the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 and Shifnal Town Council Code of Conduct. Declarations may be of a pecuniary or non-pecuniary nature.

Members are reminded that subject to provisions of the current Code of Conduct that they are required to;

not speak, participate in the discussion or voting on the matter and leave the room in the event of a declaration of pecuniary interest and

not speak (unless in the public session if applicable), participate in the discussion or voting on the matter and leave the room in the event of a non-pecuniary interest.

575/24 To CONSIDER the substantive motion from 536/24 ii) a) to agree the annual budget and precept for the Financial Year 2025/26

- i) To APPROVE the annual budget in the amount of £635,572.00 partially funded by reserves to the value of £58,172.57 as shown in submitted report. (attached)
- ii) To APPROVE the annual precept in the amount of £577,399.43 which would represent an annual amount of £159.94 for a band D property, an increase of 8.83% equivalent to £12.98 per annum as shown in submitted report. (attached)

- 576/24 Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960**
To resolve that "pursuant to the Local Government Act 1972 S100A and Schedule 12A, the following items will be likely to disclose exempt information and in accordance with the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the public and press be excluded for the remainder of the meeting.
- 577/24 To CONSIDER nomination request regarding HM Lord-Lieutenant's Shropshire Garden Party to be held on 4th June 2025. Nomination deadline extended due to extraordinary circumstances. (attached).**
- 578/24 To CONSIDER nomination request regarding the Buckingham Palace Garden Party to be held on 7th May 2025. Nomination deadline is 12.00 noon on 17th February 2025 (attached).**

Circulation:-

Councillors: Cllr E. Moore (Chairman), Cllr E. Bird, Cllr K. Booker, Cllr J. Coulson, Cllr R. Cox, Cllr B. Haddon, Cllr J. Horne, Cllr L. Jenks, Cllr G. Kerr, Cllr J. Lake, Cllr D. Marriott, Cllr T. Tarran, Cllr G. Tonkinson, Cllr Z. Turner, Cllr P. Williamson

For Information: D. Reynolds, Town Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer, H. Howse, Administration Officer