

SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting of the Operations Committee Held in Committee Room, Livesey House, 7 St John's Hill At 6.00pm on Wednesday 9 September 2026

PRESENT

Councillors J Tandy (Vice Chair), J Dean, K Pardy (sub for Cllr Halliday), V Moore, A Mosley, D Vasmer and R Wilson.

IN ATTENDANCE

Helen Ball (Town Clerk), Clare Turner (Deputy Town Clerk), Danny Powell (Operations Manager) Stuart Farmer (Operations Manager) and Michelle Farmer (Committee Officer).

Also in attendance were Representatives from Shrewsbury Repair Café.

15/26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

RESOLVED:

That apologies be received and accepted from Councillor Halliday & Wagner

16/26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (PECUNIARY & NON-PECUNIARY) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT

Shropshire Councillors	Those twin-hatted members declared a personal interest in any matters relating to the Town Council's relationship with Shropshire Council.
Councillor Vasmer	Declared he was SC Portfolio Holder for Highways for which he had a dispensation on matters relating to the delegation agreement between Shropshire Council and the Town Council.
Councillor Wilson	Declared he was a Member of Cabinet at Shropshire Council and SC portfolio holder for which he had a dispensation on matters relating to the delegation agreement between Shropshire Council and the Town Council.

17/26 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the Operations Committee meeting held on 1 July 2026 were submitted as circulated and read.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Operations Committee meeting held on 1 July 2026 be received and adopted.

18/26 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Town Clerk had no matters arising from the previous meeting.

Councillor Mosley commented that in the minutes the Town Clerk had met with representatives from the Shropshire Horticultural Society regarding the Dana Footpath as they were going to put in a planning application and he queried whether there was any further information. The Town Clerk confirmed there was not as that she had chased it up with the SHS and they were still awaiting the commissioning of somebody to write the application for them but there has been no further contact to date.

Councillor Tandy commented on the Encroachment on gardens that was raised in the previous meeting stating he had sent something to the Deputy Town Clerk, but he had not yet had a reply. The Deputy Town Clerk said she would investigate this and get back to him.

19/26 ADOPTION OF 'REPAIR FIRST' POLICY

Councillor Dean joined the meeting.

Peter & Liz from Shrewsbury Repair Café had been invited to the meeting by Councillor Halliday to comment on the Repair First Policy adopted by the Town Council at the previous Full Council meeting held in June.

Liz informed members that the repair Café had been running for 10 years and was based at the United Reform Church for the last 4 years. They had 56 volunteers and repairers who help them. They had 80 repairs booked in last month, so were very bus. Their aim was to repair broken artifacts that the public brought in rather than putting them into landfill.

Peter wanted to congratulate the Town Council on passing the policy at Full Council. He worked as the administrator as well as one of the repairers. He networked with other repair cafes up and down the country as well as internationally. He knew that so many repair cafes did not have this kind of link at all with their local authority. They also had a good working relationship with Veolia.

He wanted to know how the Town Council envisaged the Policy working. The Town Clerk reported that prior to adopting Councillor Halliday's policy the Town Council already operated repair first principles. The Town Council had their own in house

team which included engineers. Not only did they repair, service and update all Town Council machinery and vehicles, they also undertook other repair jobs which meant that very little was thrown away.

The Town Council was happy to help promote the work of the Repair Cafe but was unlikely to need their help as they were relatively sustainable. Peter was grateful for any assistance the Town Council could give in spreading the message.

Councillor Mosely commented that most Councillors were on Community Facebook groups and asked if there was anything that Councillors could add to these community pages to support the Repair café. He also asked what were the cafes most popular repairs? Peter said that electrical items were the most popular with the second being textiles and clothing. Their success rate was 89% and if they were unable to repair an item, they signposted to local businesses.

Councillor Wilson enquired as to whether the Town Council could help promote, possibly place signs on bins to stop people throwing items away. The Town Council communications team also needed to promote what the Town Council already did so residents were more informed.

Councillor Vasmer asked if they could have any posters for their noticeboards. It was agreed that Peter would send a poster to the Committee Officer who would arrange for them to be placed in Councillor Noticeboards.

Peter made Councillors aware of the 'Right to Repair' declaration. This was an international movement, trying to change legislation, requiring manufacturers to build in repair ability into their products. It was agreed that Peter sends further information to the Town Clerk regarding this.

Peter & Liz left the meeting.

20/26 OPERATIONAL DEVOLUTION UPDATE

20.1 Update on Dog PSPO

The Town Clerk no further update. A request had been made Shropshire Council about whether Rangers could have similar powers under the dog PSPO as they did the town centre PSPO, which would then mean that they could review dog issues on their land and have the ability to issue PCR notices that then would go to Shropshire Council for enforcement. The Town Council had offered to purchase the PCR books, to purchase all the signage that would go on their land to allow them to do that and had also offered to pay for all the Rangers to undertake training.

RESOLVED:

That the update be noted

20.2 Encroachment of private gardens on to footways

The Town Clerk confirmed she had discussions with Highways Officers and was awaiting feedback to proposed letter templates.

RESOLVED:

That the update be noted

20.3 Tree Management update

The Town Clerk confirmed that tree management was taken out of the service level agreement for horticultural services. Following discussions with Highways a purchase order to the value of £50,000 had been issued to look at highway trees only. Frustratingly it meant having similar conversations with other departments, like environmental maintenance, property services, leisure services and bereavement services about other trees on their land.

Councillor Mosely wanted clarification that that the £50,000 budget was additional to the SLA; the Town Clerk confirmed it was.

RESOLVED:

That the update be noted

21/26 WARD PRIORITIES & VISION ACTION PLAN REVIEW

The Town Clerk reported that a meeting for all members had been held earlier in the week chaired by Cllr Wagner. He had written to all councillors to say that he wanted to look in his capacity as the chair of the Operations Committee to look at revisiting the Council's Visioning Action Plan to start to set a plan for work, not just in the 2026-2027 financial year, but 2027-2028, 2028-2029.

All suggestions had been collated and the Town Clerk went through the list. There were a lot of similarities of requests including bins, changing bus stops to bus shelters, benches, vehicle activated signs and lighting on public open space.

The Town Clerk asked that if any members hadn't submitted a wish list for their wards, if they could let the Committee Officer know she will add to the spreadsheet.

As part of the initial process the Town Clerk gave an indication of the costs of installing bins, benches, bus shelters, CCTV cameras and some of the operational logistics in installing new infrastructure.

Officers would begin to review the list with the view to coming back in November to establish action plans need for the next three years.

RESOLVED:

That the update be noted.

22/26 CAPITAL PROGRAMME

The Town Clerk provided an update on the Capital Programme:

- **Shornccliffe Masterplan** – this was in the final stages of final consultation
- **Quarry CMP** – Reviewed the consultation and work programme was developing
- **CCTV installation** – Operations Manager undertaken a site visit
- **Mary Webb Community Centre Feasibility Study** – draft specification was with Cllr Bentick and awaiting his comments
- **Greenacre Recreation Ground** – new runway had been installed
- **Monkmoor Recreation Ground** - Pétanque development was underway with WSP
- **Meanwhile Space** – Contractor had been awarded
- **Centuria Park (New Sundorne)** – Lease had been agreed and signed. Construction was progressing with an end date of November 2026
- **Bin Programme** – 30 new bins had been ordered

Councillor Mosley enquired about the budget for Shornccliffe and asked that at some point a budget total would have to be decided at Policy & Resources Committee. The Town Clerk reported that officers were still awaiting the final outcome of the consultation. They had baseline ideas of the budgets for things like play and wheel tracks based on similar facilities elsewhere within the estate. There was quite a lot of work that would come within a revenue budget. There was also existing Neighbourhood Fund associated with development in the west of the town. Discussions were also taking place regarding potential drawdown of CIL Local Funding.

Councillor Vasmer asked if there was any progress on the cap on Castle Walk. The Town Clerk advised at this stage she had no update. It was proving a bit of a difficult project because of accessibility, permissions with the Environment Agency, moving a considerable amount of soil from one place to the next and maintaining the integrity of the site. It was a project that was ongoing, but they had no date for work now.

Councillor Mosley added that it may be worth looking at possible emissions and the possibility of commissioning a consultant to test emissions.

Councillor Dean commented on the Meanwhile Space stating that this was a real opportunity to do some proper consultation as the whole town would be interested in this project. This was an opportunity to do something exciting in this location and he added he would love to see crazy golf installed and there was an opportunity to

do something structured. They needed to think imaginatively on a consultation exercise and invite the public to see the scale of the site.

RESOLVED:

That the update be noted

23/26 STEPPING UP TEAM

The Operations Manager, Stuart Farmer, provided an update on the Stepping Up Team.

The teams had continued to work across Shrewsbury on several different projects. The team had been working on some bigger projects in wards over recent months including Gains Park and Sutton Farm.

Gains Park had seen footpath improvements and widening as well as the reopening of walkways throughout the estate, this had included path edging and detritus removal.

Areas of Sutton Farm had also seen some work of late including areas of heavy weed growth and hedge growth.

Mount Pleasant Road alleyway to Mottershead had been tidied and made accessible, however the hedge remained the responsibility of the Grange primary school,

Meole Brace Underpass – The silt that had accumulated under the Meole Under pass had been removed and the site cleared

The team had also been assisting with the main hedge cutting and where required they had been finishing off areas the flail either could not reach or won't cut, this would continue throughout the hedge cutting season.

The team had also been spending considerable time of late removing weed remnants from roadside gutters and paths following the successful application of weed killer over the summer months.

Councillor Tandy commented that the residents in his ward were very pleased with the work that had been carried out in Gains Park and thanked the teams involved.

Councillor Moore also thanked the teams for the work completed at Meole Brace underpass.

Councillor Wilson also sent thanks and was very pleased with the work that had been completed.

RESOLVED:

That the update be noted

24/26 STREET CLEANSING TEAM

The Operations Manager, Stuart Farmer, provided an update on the new Street Cleansing Team.

The Town centre continued to be swept on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday, this involved predominantly using the smaller sweeper apart from a morning to clear any waste from the weekend. This had allowed the larger sweeper to concentrate closer on the estate and main arterial routes. Below was listed some of the areas that had been swept by both machines.

A route of the road sweeping was shared at the previous meeting and since then the following routes had now been swept:

- Monkmoor Road
- Kingsland
- Longden Coleham
- Coleham
- Belvidere
- Welshpool Road
- Shelton traffic Lights
- Grange Road
- Bank farm Road
- Porthill
- Pengwern Road
- Copthorne Road
- New Park Road
- Sultan Road
- Abbey Foregate
- Horsefair
- Ridgebourne Road
- Radbrook Road
- Shelton Road
- Copthorne Park
- The Mount
- St Michaels Street
- Roman Road
- Sultan Road
- Tilbrook Drive
- Newfield Drive
- Tarvin Road
- Lancaster Road
- York Road
- Field Crescent
- Meadow Farm Drive
- Lesley Owen Way

- Sundorne Road
- Corndon Crescent
- Brixton Way
- Old Potts Way
- Woodcote way
- Woodfield Road
- Ingleby Way
- Shelton Road
- Pennywell
- Brackley Drive
- Oakley Street
- Telford Way
- Redwing fields
- Buttington Road
- Telford Estate
- Judith Butts
- Clive road
- Abbots Road
- Robertson Way
- Crowmere Road
- St James Road
- Racecourse Crescent
- Oakfield Estate
- Crowmeole lane
- Mytton Oak Road

Cycle tracks had also been swept on Robertson way, and this would continue during leaf fall.

The tipping rates for July and August were:

July

- Road Sweepings – 80 Tonnes
- Litter bin emptying and waste removal – 27 Tonnes

August

- Road sweeping – 66 tonnes
- Litter bin emptying and waste removal – 26 tonnes

Litter picking had begun where time had allowed in residential areas. Part of the team's remit had been extended from the previous contractor to ensure that when a site was visited to empty a bin, the surrounding area was also litter picked at the same time.

Bin emptying routines had been established and appeared to be meeting the requirements of the service. Areas of high footfall were being emptied on a very regular basis and should a report of an overflowing bin be received it was actioned immediately.

Several bins had been identified as either damaged, missing or unsuitable due to size. These had been reported by several channels including elected members, street cleansing staff or members of the public. These bins would shortly be replaced with new stock and the final location of some of the bins may also change slightly after requests from residents or businesses.

Residents and Businesses using street litter bins continued to be an issue with many bins across the Town, with different items being left either in the bin or at the side of it. Evidence was still being gathered, and the Operations Manager would continue to work with Shropshire Council regarding a solution for this, however any solution would rely on Shropshire Council as the prosecuting authority.

With Autumn coming, Shrewsbury Town Council were conscious of leaf fall season and discussions were currently ongoing regarding the sweeping capacity with regards to leaves. All leaf clearance would be completed using a combination of the street cleansing team and the stepping up team but would lead with the street sweeper. This would include removal from all surfaces including cycle paths and public footpaths alongside residential streets. The Operations Manager was in discussions with Dawson group regarding a larger sweeper for the duration of the leafing season.

Councillor Wilson was in full support of the proposed increase in sweep capacity throughout the Autumn.

Councillor Mosely asked if the sweeping routes had been compiled yet. Stuart confirmed that they hadn't as they were still working through the areas at present. The team were still clearing the backlog of streets that had not been cleaned for many years so there was no definite routes yet.

Councillor Dean raised winter maintenance arrangements across the town in preparation for the forthcoming winter season. It was noted that improved working relationships with Shropshire Council may provide opportunities for further discussion regarding the treatment of key pedestrian routes, particularly footbridges and locations known to be susceptible to icy conditions.

Concerns were raised regarding winter maintenance on pavements and other heavily used pedestrian areas. Members noted that this issue had been discussed previously, although agreement had not been reached regarding responsibility for such works. It was acknowledged that feedback from local visioning exercises had highlighted concerns about specific locations, including footbridges and other key pedestrian routes.

Members suggested exploring whether additional grit bins could be provided and maintained at strategic locations. It was also proposed that discussions take place

with relevant partners to establish whether current policies and arrangements regarding grit bin provision and replenishment had changed.

Further discussion considered the Town Council's operational capacity to respond during periods of severe weather. Members noted that the Council had access to both personnel and equipment and suggested that consideration be given to treating key footpaths and pedestrian routes where practicable, rather than attempting to cover all routes across the town.

Officers advised that, whilst the Council has previously possessed equipment suitable for pedestrian winter maintenance, including pedestrian sweepers, responsibility for road gritting remained with Shropshire Council. It was further noted that access to road salt was now more restricted than in previous years and required authorisation through Shropshire Council's current arrangements.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the update be noted;**
- (ii) That officers seek an update on winter maintenance arrangements, including grit bin provision, access to salt supplies, and opportunities for treating key pedestrian routes during periods of icy weather, and report back to the next meeting.**

25/26 PROJECT UPDATES

25.1 Shorncliffe Recreation Ground

Shrewsbury Town Council invited residents to comment on four proposals for Shorncliffe Recreation Ground as part of a second phase public consultation which began on Tuesday 1st September and would run until Friday 2nd October. Nearly 400 residents gave their views on the park's priorities in the first phase public consultation in January and February both in person and online.

Since then, the Town Council and local architects Camlins had been collating all the feedback to create a four-stage plan for developing the park with an ambition that the first stage be completed by Summer 2027.

For residents who wished to learn more about the Shorncliffe Recreation Ground consultation, further details were available on Shrewsbury Town Council's website.

RESOLVED:

That the update be noted

25.2 Abbey Foregate Project

The Town Clerk reported that the Regreening project for Abbey Foregate was a Shropshire Council/BID lead project.

Shrewsbury Town Council was involved in the purchase of the plants for the project and their planting on site. The Parklet was installed by Keir. The planting of the Parklet and planters took place the week of 18th August and the Town Council would be maintaining the plants and carrying out the watering. Maintenance of the Parklet would be carried out by Shropshire Council.

Councillor Vasmer said that this had been welcomed by the residents.

RESOLVED:

That the update be noted

25.3 Roushill Park Development

Riverside Gardens - The Town Clerk reported that Riverside Gardens was progressing well under Morgan Sindall, the Hard Landscape Contractor. The Operations Manager had regular update meetings with Morgan Sindall. All plants had been ordered and were due to be delivered at the depot by the end of September. Depending on final de-mobilisation the Town Council would be on-site in October for Planting. There may be additional works required around developing a permanent ramp to the Frankwell Footbridge which would hopefully be completed by the end of the year, after which they would commence final planting in that location.

Meanwhile Space – The Town Council had undertaken an invitation to tender for a landscape architect team to look at designs, liaise with the EA on the FRAP and Planning for additional planning permission. Camlins had been awarded the contract working alongside Berrys and Cyril Orchard. The team were currently reviewing all documentation that had been provided by Shropshire Council and their wider team developing the Riverside Project. Discussions were taking place with Licensing around the kind of events that the site could look to hosting. As and when more details were available, they would arrange for the contractor to present to the Committee.

RESOLVED:

That the update be noted;

25.4 Pétanque court at Monkmoor Recreation Ground

The Town Clerk reported that the conversion of one of the old unused tennis courts at Monkmoor into a Pétanque court had been discussed for some time but had stalled primarily due to funding issues. WSP had offered to undertake the project

with their contractors as a CSR project; they were pivotal in the construction of the new courts at Lilleshall in 2025.

As this project fell under the CDM Regulations 2015, WSP had agreed to undertake the role of Principal Designer and McPhillips had agreed to undertake the role of Principal Contractor. Although the project was taking place on STC facilities, WSP recommended that Shropshire Council undertook the role of Client for the project under the existing SC contract. This avoided the need to set up any new contractual T&Cs for the work and ensured that all Public Liability insurances were activated, the process and governance was in place and establishing Shropshire Council as Client under the CDM regs. STC agreed to this arrangement to help speed up the process.

Officers were awaiting confirmation of the construction programme and a start date.

Councillor Vasmer thanked WSP and McPhillips for donating the time and the staff.

Councillor Mosley asked the cost of the project and was informed there was no cost as it was a CSR project. He also asked how it would be managed and would it be available to the public. It was confirmed that it would be and it would probably be run under the Town Council's Key Play Scheme.

RESOLVED:

That the update be noted

26/26 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

The Operations Manager reported that as they entered the Autumn period with school and summer holidays over, they reflected on one of the hottest and driest summers on record. He still said that they had some of the best hanging baskets, floral planters and displays for several years. They fulfilled their sports fixtures, and the grass verges and open spaces had been maintained; the staff had carried this out in extreme weather conditions.

The entry into the Heart of England in Bloom was well received by the judges and thanks go to the organisations they visited on the day. Town Council staff had also helped with the Knife Angel ceremonies in the Square and the Regreening project in Abbey Foregate. Staff had planted up the new Abbey Foregate parklet and planters

Within the Amenity Team, production of the spring bedding was now under way in the greenhouse. The watering team had been very busy this summer and their hard work could be seen in the quality of the floral displays across Shrewsbury.

Where possible staff had been carrying out their normal maintenance duties during the summer months, the exception being that very little grass mowing had been carried out during this period.

The greenhouse had been cleaned internally by the staff. A number of new plants had been trialled in different locations this summer, some had been successful and others not. Staff were now working on the plant numbers they required for next summer's displays.

The Countryside Team were currently undertaking the yearly Ash Die Back survey across Shrewsbury and a member of staff had been engaged in watering trees which were planted last winter to stop them dying.

Approximately 7.5 hectares of meadows had been cut and baled for hay. Maintenance of pathways across the countryside sites had been carried out.

The annual Reabrook clearance had taken place with debris being removed from the brook and banks. The Beaver Compound checks had been carried out and Litter picks across Countryside sites had been undertaken.

Rural mowing was stopped at the end of July because of the drought conditions.

In the Recreational & Green Space team, grass Verge, Open Space and School mowing was suspended at the end of July. They had cut some areas at the end of August and would assess whether to start grass cutting again in September.

The Verge cutting staff instead of their normal duties had been in the Cemetery cutting the Old Cemetery Area. This was now complete and volunteers had raked up the spoil and staff were removing it from site.

Football pitch marking out had started with the season due to start on the 5 September on Town Council facilities. Fixtures at the Sports Village started the beginning of August which staff had to prepare for. Crown Green Bowls and Cricket fixtures would finish in the next few weeks. Autumn renovation would then start.

School hedge cutting had been completed, and staff would look to start mowing again now it had rained. The dry weather and the reduction in the need for mowing had given staff time to carry out work earlier than normal (path tidying, hedge cutting etc) on our Recreation Grounds and Open Spaces.

In the Logistics team, vehicle and machinery inspections and servicing were ongoing. The mechanics had also helped with the installation of the Knife angel.

Toilets had been busy across the town but especially those in the Quarry.

Playgrounds had been well used, with the Splash Park very busy every day from opening to closure.

Tractor Hedge cutting started at the end of August and would be ongoing until November.

RESOLVED:

That the update be noted

27/26 SHREWSBURY IN BLOOM

27.1 Heart of England in Bloom

The Operations Managers informed members that the judging took place on 22 July and went very well. A different route was followed this year, taking the judges through the Column Allotments, Mousefield and Castle Fields.

The judges also visited the Barnabas Centre and the Food Hub, before concluding with an event in the Market Square and Museum, which was well attended. Floral planter was also designed by school children as part of the activities.

Some of the school competition winners attended to meet the judges and subsequently visited the museum, where the judges presented them with their certificates.

Overall, the judges were extremely impressed with the town. They were particularly impressed with the work undertaken following the Council taking on responsibility for street cleaning in April, and the way in which staff had quickly taken on the additional responsibilities and maintained the town to a high standard.

The Castle Walk area was particularly well received. The judges were given an explanation of its previous use as a tip site and were impressed with the improvements made, including the grassed areas and established trees, as well as the countryside aspect on the opposite side.

The judges also visited the Column Allotments and the Council's depot and nursery. They were impressed that the Council continued to operate its own nursery and grow plants in-house. It was noted that producing plants locally was significantly more cost-effective than purchasing them commercially.

The judges were also interested in the Council's approach to the Riverside project, including the plans to purchase plants and subsequently grow and maintain them in-house. They considered this to be a significant asset, particularly as many other councils no longer retained their own nursery facilities.

RESOLVED:

That the update be noted.

27.2 Notes of the Bloom Meeting

The notes of the Shrewsbury in Bloom Group meeting held on 9 July 2026 were submitted as circulated and read.

RESOLVED:

That the notes of the Shrewsbury in Bloom Group Meeting held on 9 July 2026 be accepted and approved.

27.3 Shrewsbury in Bloom 2027

The Operations Managers said the results of this year's competition were expected to be announced on 22 October. The outcome of this would help inform the Council's approach to the 2027 competition, particularly as this year's route was significantly different and included areas that had not previously formed part of the judging route. Feedback from the judges would be useful in determining whether these changes enhanced the overall presentation of the town and would help plan for the 2027 competition.

RESOLVED:

That the update be noted.

28/26 COMMUTED SUMS

The Town Clerk provided an update on negotiations with developers and transfer arrangements. They had not reached any trigger points for any further Town Council involvement and would continue to liaise with planners on development progress:

- (i) *Copthorne Barracks Play and Open Space*** – offsite contributions to play (£30,498 - £20498 for Shorncliffe Drive & £10000 for Silks Meadow – to be paid on 75% occupancy) and open space (£115,000 for sports pitches & associated facilities at County Ground – paid on 50% occupancy) - funds in relation to landscaping at the County Ground have been drawn down

Barratt Homes/Bovis Homes – Mytton Oak Road – Phase 1 adopted; Snagging Phase 2/3 commenced. No identified date for transfer.

Further works had been carried out on site, some path surface repairs and drainage areas had been requested to be addressed. Several small areas of land were subject to legal checks, some of which did not appear to have appeared on the POS adoption plans.

- (ii) *Shrewsbury South Urban***

1. Sutton Grange site – ongoing – likely transfer in 2024/25 – recent meeting with Taylor Wimpey to discuss logistics for transfer.

STC met the Developers on site in early March to walk the site again. Another detailed list was discussed and work started on site in April to address all the outstanding issues.

2. Bellway Homes site – discussion on land adoption and adoption of acoustic fencing.

Developers have been met on site and some small works were still outstanding along with required repairs to the play area already in place.

3. Galliers site – early discussions on land adoption
4. Community Centre – location on the site

Radbrook College site – Open space adoption – officers met with Floreat Homes on site – likely adoption once all phases are complete

STC had recently walked the site again with a representative from the Developer (Connexus). This person has now left the company, and MP was meeting another representative w/c 11th May to walk the site again. An independent Arb Consultant had produced a thorough tree inspection report for the site POS to be adopted, which mirrors STC previous requests.

There were a considerable amount of tree works to be carried out and some small areas of landscaping to be carried out to align to the landscape specification within the planning conditions.

- (iii) *Weir Hill*** – Agreements to adopt the land at a future time have been signed -meeting with Taylor Wimpey looking at the possibility of the countryside land to be transferred ahead of the POS on the development site.

The Town Clerk has met with the Shropshire Council Greenspace Manager about the Town Council's aspirations for both phase 1&2 but also the new phase 3. Staff are still engaging with Taylor Wimpey & Persimmon regarding the snagging list required to be completed ahead of any transfer. No date had been set for any transfer and solicitors have not yet been engaged.

RESOLVED:

That the update be noted.

29/26 CLOSING REMARKS

In closing the meeting, the Chair thanked Councillors for attending and taking part in this Town Council meeting and thanked the staff involved in this meeting. All papers related to the meeting could be found on the website

www.shrewsburytowncouncil.gov.uk.