

SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting of the Operations Committee Held in Committee Room, Livesey House, 7 St John's Hill At 6.00pm on Wednesday 5 November 2025

PRESENT

Councillors D Vasmer (Chair), B Bentick, J Dean, K Halliday, B Jephcott, V Moore, A Mosley, J Tandy, A Wagner and R Wilson.

IN ATTENDANCE

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

41/25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

RESOLVED:

That apologies be received and accepted from Councillor Hancock-Davies.

42/25 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.
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43/25 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the Operations Committee meeting held on 3 September 2025 were submitted as circulated and read.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Operations Committee meeting held on 3 September 2025 be received and adopted.

44/25 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Min 33.3 - Encampments – Operational staff were doing a review of Recreation Sites with a view to discussing matters with ward members

Min 33.5 - Greenfields Benches – They were awaiting some re-used benches to return from being re-coated. Also, Councillor Jephcott had undertaken his consultation on Solar Lights which would be discussed later in the agenda.

Min 33.6 - Rowley & Fenemere – The Leader & Town Clerk had met with the Chairman & Secretary of the Club. Council's refusal to grant erection of infrastructure had not changed their resolve in using Castlewalk and they would detail frequency of use. They had agreed that they would come and speak to officers regarding any works in the same way the Town Fisheries did, and the Town Clerk would discuss a Memorandum of Understanding with them that they would be willing to sign up to.

Councillor Mosley raised a query regarding Rowley & Fenemere asking if the clauses in the last meeting still stood. The Town Clerk replied that it had been made clear what they can and can't do.

Councillor Mosley asked if the memorandum of Understanding would perform the basis of the previous one and that it would come back to this Committee for ratification and it was confirmed it would.

Min 34.2 - Summer Impact of Trees – The Communications Officer had published some really useful communications on the impact of trees that was well received.

Min 34.3 - Quarry Trees – The 6 Lime Trees would be felled before Christmas and due to the size and scale of operation this work would be contracted out. There would be disruption to public use of the park in those areas due to Health & Safety and a possible restriction on Vitoria Avenue whilst the trees were being removed.

Min 34.3 - Quarry Trees – The PICUS kit had been purchased, and staff had received training

Min 35/25 - Fields In Trust – The Town Clerk had revisited conversations with Fields In Trust and had contacted Councillors Jephcott & Bentick about meeting to discuss how they could proceed.

Councillor Dean joined the meeting.

45/25 BUDGET SETTING PROCESS

The Town Clerk reported that the Responsible Financial Officer had taken a report to the previous Policy & Resources Committee held on 14 July about engaging with the standing committees regarding setting the budget for 2026/27.

This was the last Operations Committee ahead of the Policy & Resources Committee starting budget setting on the 8 December. That meeting sets the policy direction for the budget, and a draft budget would then be prepared for consideration on the 12 January which then recommended the final budget to the Full Council meeting on the 26 January ahead of the 31 January 2026 deadline.

At the request of the Communities & Environment Committee, all Councillors were contacted to ascertain any individual ward specific requirements. Details of these requests would be presented to the standing committees.

In considering any budgetary item, they had to be mindful of their general powers to deliver and that it aligned with the Town Council Corporate Plan and the six pillars of;

- Building Resilient Communities
- Supporting Shrewsbury residents to live active and healthy lives through the provision of quality services
- Preserving Shrewsbury's Heritage
- Creating a greener and better-connected Shrewsbury
- Advancing a sustainable, resilient and efficient organisation
- Taking Positive action to tackle climate change

The Town Clerk had discussed requirements with various members and officers, and this was the current list:

- Play Area Programme – St Michael's Recreation Ground, Reabrook Estate & Kynaston Road Recreation Ground.
- Infrastructure Replacement – Litter Bins & Benches
- Investment Properties to undertake new Fire Risk Assessments following changes to legislation
- Solar Lights – Requests for Upton Lane Rec, Greenfields Rec & Kynaston Road Rec
- Quarry Park Feasibility Study – being looked at by Policy & Resources
- Swimming Pool – Meeting with Peter Gilbertson about the future of the Quarry Baths and potential for a Lido
- Climate Emergency Action Plan – Update in Climate Audit
- Monkmoor Recreation Ground - Pavilion improvements
- Shorncliffe Recreation Ground – Feasibility Study
- Table Tennis & Petanque Courts
- Silks Meadow Bowling Green Improvements
- County Ground Improvements
- Mereside Carpark Improvements – Align with a new lease on the Community Centre
- Dana Path

Councillor Mosley asked about Ditherington Community Centre and Castlewalk play area. The Town Clerk replied that Ditherington Community Centre had already been budgeted, and the play area was not set in the 26/27 programme.

Councillor Bentick enquired about the surface of Church Road Recreation ground as it was awaiting funding.

The Town Clerk suggested to Committee that she would write out a full list of requirements and that this would go to Policy & Resources Committee to ultimately decide.

Councillor Halliday asked for an update on Hermitage Green. The Operations Manager confirmed that the contract had been awarded, and they were awaiting an installation date, but it was likely to be next year.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the update be noted;**
- (ii) That the Town Clerk compiles a list of requirements to go to Policy & Resources Committee**

46/25 RECREATION GROUND MATTERS

46.1 Grounds Maintenance Update

Danny Powell, Operations Manager, updated the Committee on Grounds Maintenance. He started with a roundup of the last 12 months:

- Britain in Bloom - The town won 2 gold awards, one for the Heart of England and the other for the National RHS awards, also the Mike Garwood award for the Dingle and a Horticultural Excellence award for the Dingle.
- The Stepping Up Team was set up to tidy areas across the town.
- They had taken on several exterior contracts to supply bedding plants to other Parish Councils in Shropshire and carried out maintenance work at Primary and Secondary schools.
- The Recreation Team had undertaken the renovation work at a number of bowling greens in Shrewsbury alongside the renovation of their own fine turf areas.
- Release of the Beavers into the Old Riverbed area.
- Ash Die Back Survey.
- Bus Shelter replacement programme continued

These major areas of achievement took place alongside the daily maintenance of Shrewsbury. The weather was still having an impact on their work programmes as

the warm wet weather meant grass was still growing in November and they could not see it stopping before Christmas. The team would carry on mowing, but they needed to be careful on wet ground due to the weight of the mowers.

The Amenity Team had now completed the spring bedding work. Shrub bed maintenance had started, and general tidying of the Quarry and other formal areas was underway.

In the nursery plants were being moved into one zone so the others could be cleaned and closed down for the winter period. All the stock plants had been re-potted, and staff had started to collate plant numbers ready for next summer. They had taken cuttings off a number of different plants this autumn to reduce the number of plugs they required next year. They had been asked to quote for the supply of plants to other parish councils; these were being prepared.

The Recreational and Formal Space team had completed the autumn renovation of the Town Council fine turf areas. Large area grass mowing was still ongoing.

Aeration of all sports surfaces had started; this would add drainage and improve the grass sward. Grass verge mowing was still ongoing as grass was still growing strongly. They were monitoring the ground conditions as this would stop them from continuing to mow.

The Old Cemetery had been cut; this was completed about six weeks earlier than normal. The school contract had now been completed but with the grass still growing, requests would be for extra grass cuts.

The Countryside Team continued with regular maintenance of the Beaver compound. Tree work had started, and Autumn countryside general maintenance had also started. Rural mowing was being undertaken when required and Ash Die Back work was underway.

The Logistics Team had now brought in all floral infrastructures and hedge cutting had re-started.

Playground maintenance was ongoing, and the mechanics were starting the winter maintenance programme on their machinery.

The Stepping Up Team were working through work as it was reported to the Town Council.

It had been another busy period of work as they moved into the winter period. The staff's ability to work at a high standard had been shown by the awards that the Town Council had recently received during a difficult summer of weather.

Councillor Dean suggested that social media posts should be done to inform the public why the Town Council were still cutting grass, so they were aware and understood.

RESOLVED:

That the update be noted

46.2 To review requests for solar lighting on Recreation Grounds

The Town Clerk informed committee that Councillor Jephcott had undertaken a consultation with residents in Greenfields. From 300 surveys distributed, he had so far had 51 back completed; 49 in support of the lights, 1 Neutral and 1 Opposed.

The Town Clerk had a conversation with their contractor, and their supplier was now looking at a lead time of 8-10 weeks if they were ready to proceed with the order. The cost was estimated around £50,000 and the Town Clerk asked Committee if they were agreed to look at formal costings, and to also investigate a potential bulk discount.

The Town Clerk had received enquiries from the Harlescote and Monkmoor Councillors about Kynaston Road Recreation Ground and Upton Lane Recreation Ground. These were a similar distance to the Greenfields Lights project so there was a flavour of cost if they wanted them to proceed to a formal request for costings.

Councillor Vasmer commented that they should push forward with the solar lights for Greenfields.

Councillor Wagner agreed and suggested having a regular rolling programme like they had done with the bus shelters.

Councillor Wilson asked for verification that the lead time would be 8-10 weeks, and the Town Clerk confirmed that was correct. She explained that the previous company, Zeta Lighting, had gone into administration and the new company set up were working on a similar design to the Quarry lights and looking at supply chains. The Town Council electrical contractor, Potters Electrical, had now confirmed that the supply chain was good to go. Councillor Wilson asked if the Town clerk could go back to the contractor and get a more definitive lead time and dates, the Town Clerk agreed to do this.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the update be noted;**
- (ii) That the Town Council could go ahead with costings and deliver Greenfields Solar lights as quickly as possible.**

46.3 Request for pétanque course

The Town Clerk reported that the Chairman, Councillor Vasmer, had received a direct request for the consideration of installing a pétanque court in the old tennis courts. Unlike previous requests the group were willing to fund the court themselves, but this would probably require a more formal licence process to protect both interests. If there was an in-principle support from members, they could obtain details from Councillor Vasmer and progress discussions.

Councillor Mosley commented that the Shrewsbury School had recently applied for permission to install Padel courts and was this something that could be considered on any disused tennis courts. He confirmed that all sports should be look at and to consider revenue.

Councillor Halliday asked if this would go out for consultation and could any other sports be put in place at this location.

The Town Clerk commented that they needed to be conscious of noisy sports as it was in a residential area. They had already looked at several different sport options, but some came with significant costs. This request for a pétanque course would be funded by the group.

Councillor Wilson said there needed to be more variety of play in the town, so this was a good idea. Could they investigate chess or table tennis being provided? He also wanted confirmation that the pétanque would be run by the club, but would it be accessible for the whole town and not just the club. It was confirmed it would be accessible to all.

Councillor Bentick commented that if it was agreed it must be open to the public. He also commented that accessible play should be included in all play areas. They Town Clerk confirmed that it was and when they went out to tender for play areas, they needed to show significant levels of access. As the winning tenderer would have a broad spectrum on accessibility they would take their advice over the requirements for each play area.

Councillor Bentick commented that there were still some old play areas that did not have accessible play and the Town Clerk confirmed that play areas were on a turnover and there were not many that did not have accessible play.

Councillor Vasmer suggested that this item be brought back to the next meeting with a list of activities that they could incorporate.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the update be noted;**
- (ii) That the Town Clerk compiles of list of possible activities and costings.**

46.4 Tree Survey at Castlewalk Recreation Ground

The Town Clerk updated committee on the recent tree survey at Castlewalk Recreation Ground and the levels of work required. She emphasised right from the start that this survey or recommended works had not been originated from any request from Rowley & Fenemere Angling Club and this was the result of their routine inspection programme in accordance with their Tree Strategy.

All the trees had been surveyed and risk assessed and there was a programme of works that needed to be scheduled for the next two years; this included:

- 6 trees to be pollarded
- 3 trees to Fell from ground level
- 1 large limb reduction
- 1 x pollard / 50% crown reduction

The Town Clerk further explained that because these trees were not listed although located in the Conservation Area, they had the same dispensation as Shropshire Council to not have to submit a TCA planning application to the Planning Authority. But given the contention they had in this area from their tree work, they would recommend that they submitted an application so that the public could make any necessary representations. There were also several trees that required ivy removal to facilitate future inspections. If they were submitting an application to the Planning Authority, they would add these in too.

Councillor Mosley said that they should arrange a meeting with residents on both sides of the river and explain these works to them, so they understood what was happening.

Councillor Jephcott suggested that communication was needed when there was and significant tree works due and a press release.

Councillor Wilson agreed to the above suggestions.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the update be noted;**
- (ii) That Planning applications are submitted;**

- (iii) That the Town Council do press release/communications to inform the public of the proposed works;
- (iv) That Councillors Vasmer and Mosley organise a meeting for the residents in the vicinity.

47/25 ASH DIE BACK

The Town Clerk reported that the Countryside Manager had done a comprehensive report looking at their four yearly inspections of their Ash Trees. This time around they had inspected just short of 10,000 Ash Trees right through the Small, Medium, Large and Ancient Tree spectrum. This year they needed to fell 325 trees of which 301 were on countryside land and 24 were on other parts of the Town Council's estate. This was quite a significant increase from the 199 they had to fell last year. They were likely to see further increases for a number of years before hopefully they would see some plateau. The key was to ensure they chose appropriate replacements. What had been evident was it was good that they had started on this journey early back in 2020.

Councillor Halliday commented that it was a really good report with technical details.

Councillor Vasmer praised the staff for keeping on top of the issue.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

48/25 CAPITAL PROGRAMME

The Town Clerk updated the Committee on the Capital Programme.

- The Quarry Management Tender was about to go live.
- The Shorncliffe Recreation site visits were currently being planned.
- Bowbrook Meadows & Sutton grange were on final snagging list and it would then be ready for transfer.
- The bus shelter replacement programme was very near completion.
- Tilstock and Hermitage Green play area refurbishments had now been awarded.
- Weeping Cross depot solar lighting costings were being progressed
- CCTV maintenance was going well and they had done a great job since April. There were only three cameras to be resolved at Monkmoor and two cameras in the Quarry and then all cameras would be back up and running. Once they were all working, work would continue in the CCTV Control Room.

Councillor Jephcott commented that the Bagley Solar lighting project was not showing on the list. The Town Clerk apologised to members that the programme had not been updated for this meeting and that's why a verbal update had been provided.

Councillor Bentick commented that the replacement pump track at Mary Webb Road was also not showing on the list and that he would like action on this as soon as possible. The Operations Manager confirmed that the budget was there for these works, and they were awaiting the result of the consultation which he would chase up.

Councillor Mosley asked if they were looking at Castlewalk Recreation Ground and surveying the riverbanks. It was confirmed it would be looked at, but the surveying of the riverbank may be a significant cost as it would be specialist work.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the new Capital Programme update be noted;**
- (ii) That Bagley solar lighting and Mary Webb Road pump track are added to the Capital Programme list**

49/25 SHREWSBURY IN BLOOM

The Operations Managers updated the committee on Heart of England in Bloom and Britain in Bloom results.

The Dingle had been recognised for its outstanding beauty and horticultural excellence, helping the town scoop three top awards at the RHS Heart of England in Bloom Awards.

- Gold Award
- Outstanding Achievement for The Dingle
- Mike Garwood Memorial Trophy

At the Britain In Bloom awards held in Brighton, they received a Gold Award in the Small City/City category. Aberdeen Communities Together were the overall category winner. The judges praised Shrewsbury for its exceptional floral displays, community involvement, and commitment to sustainability. Particular commendation was given to The Dingle and the many community-led initiatives that contributed to Shrewsbury's reputation as one of the most beautiful and environmentally conscious towns in the country.

Councillor Vasmer commented that it was a fantastic achievement which should be marked in some way.

Councillor Halliday commented that bloom made a difference to residents and visitors.

Stuart Farmer gave a huge thank you to the ground staff, especially with the conditions they faced throughout the year. The seasonal waterers also deserved recognition, and each individual had been written to.

Councillor Bentick suggested presenting the seasonal waterers with a voucher, but this is something the Town Clerk would look into but to remind members that the waters had been paid throughout their employment with them.

Councillor Wilson commented that at the last Joint Consultative Committee Meeting they would like the Bloom Committee to arrange a staff thank you event after next years judging but before the results were announced. This was to recognise and thank all staff for all their hard work and extra effort.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the update be noted;**
- (ii) That a 'Thank You' event is organised for next year**

50/25 STEPPING UP TEAM

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

The planned ward visits had continued over recent months with visits to Battlefield, Belle Vue and Bicton Heath. The dates of the ward visits had been diarised with the ward members and other organisations who had been encouraged to attend, planned visits between this meeting and the next were as follows:

- Castlefields & Ditherington 12th December – Works planned 12th January 2026
- Column & Sutton 7th January 2026 – Works planned 2nd February 2026
- Harlescott 18th February 2026 – Works planned 16th March 2026

The Operations Manager maintained the master spreadsheet of works with these being added to from public enquiries, councillor requests and latterly from the ward visits. The Operations Manager was currently working on a spreadsheet to share with elected members that showed the works that had been completed in their wards, it was hoped this would be available shortly.

The team had a spreadsheet with all tasks that had been identified either by the staff themselves, by Councillors, by the public and of late forwarded by Shropshire

Council because their team hadn't the resources to do them. Each task was reviewed to determine whether;

- (i) it was the responsibility of others and if it was, they were informed
- (ii) they had the capacity and resources to undertake the work
- (iii) there were any timeframes that needed to be considered for the work to be done (for example, working out of nesting periods, knowing when other traffic management functions were being undertaken at the same time, any embargos and whether there were clusters of work in one area). Upon that, staff would be allocated jobs to the Stepping up Team.

The team had also completed several litter picks throughout the town centre over weekends, the waste from these litter picks was now being disposed at the Battlefield Recycling centre following an agreement with Shropshire Council for access to the site.

The team had also assisted with several litter picking events across the town including delivering litter pickers and equipment as well as collection of the litter collected for removal, this could be arranged by contacting the Operations Manager with dates and times for the events.

Re-visits to some of the sites had also been required to maintain the areas these had included areas such as the Sutton Bridge, this was mostly due to leaf litter and weed growth, this would continue to be an issue and was something that the manager of the service was very conscious of. Time had been allocated for some re-visits to prevent the build-up occurring again wherever possible.

In regard to machinery purchasing, a Town Centre cleaning and sucking machine had been delivered for the team and was due to begin work shortly, this would increase the team's ability to clean cuts, shuts and alleyways within the town centre. This machine would be out to work once staff had the appropriate training.

The comment was raised that there were issues at present with leaf fall. Councillor Vasmer commented that it was vital to collect the leaves. Councillor Mosley commented that the leaves were collected every year but Councillor Wilson confirmed that there was only one sweep a year under Shropshire Council on the footpaths. They needed to look at the level of service currently as it was not sufficient.

Councillor Jephcott commented that he could see the commitment from the Stepping Up Team and that there were problems with the Shropshire Council interface offering the minimum service. Shropshire Council need to address this problem. He asked if and when street scene comes to the Town Council, would this be addressed (including hedges, leaves, acorns).

Councillor Tandy said that the Stepping Up team were doing a fantastic job on works that had not been completed for years. He would like to see the team increased and would also like his thanks to be passed on to them.

Councillor Wagner commented that the Stepping Up Team compliments what isn't being done by Shropshire Council. The principle for now was to work on areas that were realistically never going to be done.

Councillor Wilson confirmed that hedges over the highway sat with Shropshire Council, this was their statutory duty. There were ongoing discussions with Shropshire Council. New machinery was imminent for the stepping up team and this would improve the current service.

Councillor Halliday thanked the Operations Managers for attending the Belle Vue Community & Action group meeting where the public could ask questions to them. The Group wanted to pass on their thanks for their time.

Councillor Mosely asked how they could transform the Stepping Up Team into a regular street scene team and were there any thoughts on where the interface would develop.

Councillor Wilson confirmed the Stepping Up team was needed as there were a lot of places in need of restoring.

Councillor Vasmer praised the team for all the work they had done to date.

RESOLVED

That the contents of the report are noted.

51/25 FUTURE SERVICE DELIVERY

The Town Clerk commented to members that officers had been discussing service delegation with Shropshire Council and they continued to work with their Service Delivery Working Group (Councillors Wilson, Mosley, Vasmer, Fjefer & Hancock-Davies).

They had signed the Memorandum of Understanding and had received details of delegation proposals for 2025/26 which included Street scene & Grounds Maintenance. They were also looking at the Square and CCTV. They had also spoken to recreational asset managers on how they could support the Museum, Old Market Hall, Theatre, Library & Castle.

Whilst they hadn't got the details, the Town Clerk had tasked the Operations Managers to start to consider required equipment and vehicles for a 1st April 2026 start and those would be fed into the Policy & Resources Budget discussions. It was

fair to say that they were pushing at an open door with Shropshire Council. The key for them was not just about taking over a service but doing it better and they would keep this Committee involved as this committee would ultimately have responsibility for those new services

Councillor Halliday said she would feel confident in the Town Council taking on the services but there was a need for Scrutiny and Risk Assessments. She asked if it would also mean that the Town Council take on the 'Fix My Street' App from Shropshire Council. The Town Clerk didn't believe they would but also couldn't 100% confirm that at this stage.

Councillor Dean said that discussions were needed on the principles of this. Were the Town Council taking on services fully / on behalf of SC or sub-contracting and how would this work for the parishes. Need to ensure they had due diligence. It needed to be made clear to Shrewsbury what they can do, what they can't do and what they won't do.

Councillor Wagner confirmed that in principle there would be no discretionary spending in the next 4/5 years. Street scene was a statutory duty of Shropshire Council but only a basic one.

Councillor Wilson commented that resident communication was vital. A letter and survey were going out to each household as important feedback was required from residents.

Councillor Bentick suggested that if Shropshire Council reduced their works could the Town Council have their equipment, but it was confirmed this would not be an option as it was contracted out.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the update be noted;**
- (ii) That Future Service Delivery is discussed further at Full Council**

52/25 NATURE RECOVERY – THE TOWN COUNCIL'S APPROACH

52.1 Developing a Localised Nature Recovery Plan

The Town Clerk explained to members that this item followed on from a discussion Councillor Vasmer had with Janet Cobb who had been leading the need for Parish Councils to have their own Local Nature Recovery Strategy.

They had fed into the County Strategy, which was for noting at the next agenda item, but this report looked at the areas where they could develop a Strategy. It was not

just about what they did on Countryside Land but also their more formal sites which all required some element of rewilding to protect the local habitat. This draft strategy looked to align with some of their other strategies including their Tree & Ash Die Back Strategies and their policy for Land Adoption.

The Countryside Team Manager and Countryside Ranger had met with the Wildlife Trust to look at potential ways of working together and next week the three of them would be visiting the Field Studies Council in Montford Preston as they were keen to work with the Town Council. The report presented at the meeting was the draft for the development of a localised Nature Recovery Strategy.

Councillor Bentick said the Town Council needed to be robust in their response as well as individual Councillors.

Councillor Wilson commented that Shorncliffe Drive was a blank canvas and was potentially a good location to test what they could do on a recreation ground that encouraged nature recovery.

Councillor Dean suggested holding an event bringing together residents and organisations, possibly hosted by the Wildlife trust. Councillor Halliday commented that some schools had Eco councils who could be invited to a future event.

Councillor Wagner pointed out that there was an error in the report as it showed 'Recreation & Leisure Committee' but it should read 'Operations Committee'.

RESOLVED:

That the update be noted

52.2 Town Council response to Local Nature Recovery Strategy consultation

The Town Clerk commented that this item was for noting. The response had been fed into the team doing the Strategy. How could the Town Council support and contribute. The response had been accepted, and they were keen to engage.

Councillor Wilson thanked the Town Clerk for her time on this which had been a considerable amount.

RESOLVED:

That the update be noted

53/25 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
- (ii) **Barratt Homes/Bovis Homes – Mytton Oak Road** – Phase 1 adopted; Snagging Phase 2/3 commenced. No identified date for transfer. Significant work has been made on site and it is hoped transfer will take place later in the year. The developer has also asked us to adopt the railings on site. **Currently working on a snagging list, still awaiting replies over various issues. Identified a further 70 plus trees that need to be replaced and 200 plus transplants.**
- (iii) **Shrewsbury South Urban**
 - 1. Sutton Grange site – ongoing – likely transfer in 2024/25 – recent meeting with Taylor Wimpey to discuss logistics for transfer. Following a hiatus in work the Technical Director of Taylor Wimpey is pressing adoption. Solicitors have been appointed to develop transfer documents. **Taylor Wimpey have informed us that the order for some of the works has been raised, but have not contacted us regarding a site meeting.**
 - 2. Bellway Homes site – discussion on land adoption and adoption of acoustic fencing. **This is very near completion and may be transferred early in 2026**
 - 3. Galliers site – early discussions on land adoption
 - 4. Community Centre – location on the site
- (iv) **Radbrook College site** – Open space adoption – officers met with Floreat Homes on site – likely adoption once all phases are complete. **A planned site visit has been cancelled by Connexus. A new date will be agreed. We have been informed the site is ready to be transferred.**
- (v) **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. Persimmon has sought solicitors to develop transfer documents, and it is hoped transfer will take place later in the year. Taylor Wimpey were leading on the initial Phase III works and they are keen to have a conversation about the possible adoption of that countryside space so that it links up with Phase I & II land.

RESOLVED:

That the update be noted.

54/25 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.