



Minutes of an Extra-Ordinary Meeting of ARLESEY TOWN COUNCIL held in the Resource Centre, Arlesey on Tuesday 31st March 2026 at 5.00pm.

PRESENT: Cllrs: P Arkle (Chair) S Hamilton
N Stevenson S Spoor
D Burrows

In attendance: Mrs Janet Bailey Town Clerk. No members of the public were present.

25/194 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Local Government Act 1972 Sch12 para 40)
Apologies had been received from Cllr Thomas

25/195 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS (Localism Act 2011 ss 31 & 33)

(Members of the Council are invited to disclose any personal interest or personal and pecuniary interests they may have in any items on the agenda for this meeting in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct for Members)

25/195.1 To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda.

Agenda item: 25/198.1 Cllr Arkle Reason: Neighbouring property owner.

25/195.2 To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests.

25/195.3 To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate. A request for dispensation must be made on an individual basis.

25/196 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS - Taken as read.

- Support available for Central Bedfordshire residents struggling with heating oil costs.

25/197 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-*Standing Orders will be suspended at this point and re-instated before proceeding to the next agenda item.*

There was no public participation.

25/198 PLANNING APPLICATIONS & ISSUES

25/198.1 **CB/TRE/26/00123- 3 Lewis Lane, Arlesey**

Proposal: Works to a tree protected by Tree Preservation Order MB/31/2005/T3: Fell and treat stump with Eco-plugs to Oak(T1). Arboriculture Implication Assessment report links the Oak T1 as the cause of the damage to number 4 Lewis Lane. Insurers understanding the requirement to offer replacement planting in the event consent to fell is granted.

Cllr Stevenson chaired this item due to Cllr Arkle's declared interest.

RESOLVED that the council follow the guidance of CBC's tree officer and submit a consideration that if permission is granted to remove the tree, a replacement, mature sapling is planted within Glebe Meadows to compensate – liaison with ACORN required to identify a suitable position.

25/199 PUBLIC LAND AND HIGHWAYS

25/199.1 **Community Benches Help Arlesey Reconnect Project-** Members received an update on bench order and consider installation.

RESOLVED that the council place the official order with Plasteco Wood to secure the historic prices quoted and plan a phased installation. Groundwork contractors to be contacted to provide quotations to carry out ground preparation where necessary and installation work for the 12 benches.

25/200 PUBLIC RELATIONS MATTERS- No matters requiring discussion.

25/201 PERSONNEL MATTERS

25/201.1 **National Joint Council 2025/26 Pay Award** – Members noted increase in NJC Pay Scales for 2025/26 – pay backdated as new rates payable from 1st April 2025, new rates applied August 2025.

25/201.2 **National Joint Council 2026/27 Pay Award Negotiations** – Members noted discussions for 2026/27 pay awards are ongoing, current indications indicate potential 3.3% increase across all NJC pay scales. 2026/27 budget calculated on a 3% increase.

25/202 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ITEMS ARISING FROM THIS MEETING

There was no public participation.

Date of next meeting: Town Council 21st April 2026.

Meeting closed 6.00pm

Chairman.....

Date.....