

South Willesborough and Newtown Community Council  
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Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026

February Minutes

The Chair opened the meeting at 7:01pm

In attendance Cllr Sue Mullan (SM) Cllr Malcolm Webb (MW) Cllr David Mullan (DM) Cllr Steve Campkin (SC)  
Cllr Andy Hodges (AH)

Also in attendance, Sarah Evans Community Council Manager (SECCM )

**36/26 To Record and List Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Paul Bohill Cllr Lauren Corbett Cllr Marc Harris

**37/26 Declarations of pecuniary, other significant or voluntary interest**

SC declared an interest as Portfolio Holder for Parking as a Cllr at Ashford Borough Council

**38/26 To agree the Budget for 2026 2027**

Members had a lengthy discussion on the previously circulated reports regarding the Budget for 2026 2027.

**Resolved: Proposed SM Seconded AH and Agreed Unanimously to the following**

a)

- To accept the forecast to year-end for 2025/2026, which will be monitored and reviewed by the Finance and General Purposes Committee.
- To accept the recommendation to move £6,000 to an Earmarked Reserve to support forecast costing and provide a 10% contingency for 2025/2026 expenditure.

b)

- To approve the proposed Budget for 2026/2027 of £125,987.89, with forecasted income of £4,193.00, giving a net budget requirement of £121,794.89.
- To accept the following recommendations:
  1. To move £15,225 (representing 1.5 months' costs of the budget, calculated at £10,150 per month) to the 3–6 months Running Costs Earmarked Reserve, resulting in approximately 3.4 months' in this ear marked reserve.
  2. To allocate £3,660.00 from the Earmarked Reserve for Precept Support (2025/2026) to Precept Support 2026/2027.
  3. To allocate £3,745.00 to the Earmarked Reserve for Staffing Costs, to be used as Precept Support for 2026/2027.

Calculation:

£121,794.89 – £3,660 – £3,745 = £114,344.89, this was to be rounded down to £114,344.00.

4. To note that this represents a 7.58% increase on the previous year, equivalent to Band D £1.83 per week, an increase of 13p per week.

c)

- Therefore, to declare a Precept of £114,344.00.

**39/26 To consider the Ashford Borough Council Parking vision and strategy consultation and agree a response.**

Members discussed the previously circulated consultation.

SC left the meeting for the vote

**Resolved:- Agreed unanimously to the following responses to the parking consultation.**

**Matters relating to Conditions of car parks very poor**

**Priorities 1 Good Lighting 2 Clear Well Maintained surfaces and markings 3 CCTV and Security measures**

**4 clear signage 5 proximity to destination however all of these priorities are important.**

**Matters relating to active travel, yes improved cycling, a bus service to the hospital would make a good difference in car usage.**

**Matters relating to EV charging strongly support**

**Matters relating to green infrastructure strongly support**

**Matters relating to improvements to town centre parking 1<sup>st</sup> hour free, better availability in Tenterden and Town Centre Ashford, better signage on availability of parking spaces. Short trips under 1 hour could be free which would make journeys for less expensive and encourage town centre usage.**

**Matters relating to Resident Permit Scheme a review of the postcodes allocated to the scheme to ensure that users from Alfred Road Belmont Place and Stirling Road are included in the scheme due to the new scheme not being far reaching enough and reflecting resident feedback; to ensure all residents have equal opportunity of using the car parks, which would alleviate congestion more satisfactorily. To have an arrangement for delivery drivers and to note if there is a dispensation for Royal Mail and if so could this be extended to delivery services?**

**What one change would significantly make the greatest difference to your parking experience.**

**A further review of the postcodes of households eligible for the car parks in Newtown would significantly ease congestion and support residents. As less people are using the car parks now and its is causing more congestion it does need to be extended on Alfred Rd Stirling Rd and Belmont Place.**

There being no further business to discuss, the Chair closed the meeting at 8:07pm

Signed Chair \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Appendix of Reports

Budget 26 proposal document

Budget Summary