

MINUTES
of the Town Development Committee
held on Monday 1st December 2025 at 7.00pm
at
Warminster Civic Centre, Sambourne Road,
Warminster BA12 8LB

Membership:

Cllr Allensby (West)	*	Cllr Lee (Broadway)	A
Cllr Barnes (East)	*	Cllr Robbins (East)	A
Cllr Davis (East)	*	Mr James Sullivan-Tailyour (Advisor)	A
Cllr Jones (North) (Chairman)	*	Mr Matt Towl (Advisor)	*
Cllr Keeble (West) (Vice Chairman)	*	Mr Len Turner (Advisor)	*

Key: * Present A Apologies AB Absent

In attendance:

Officers: Tom Dommett, Town Clerk and RFO, Judith Halls, Deputy Town Clerk.

Attendees:

Unitary Councillors: None

Members of the press: None

Members of the public: One

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- TD/25/041 Apologies for Absence**
Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Lee and Robbins and James Sullivan-Tailyour
- TD/25/042 Declarations of Interest**
There were no declarations of interest received under Warminster Town Council's Code of Conduct issued in accordance with the Localism Act 2011.

Signed.....Date.....

- TD/25/043** **Minutes**
TD/25/043.1 The minutes of the Town Development Committee meeting held on Monday 8th September 2025 were approved as a true record and signed by the chairman.
TD/25/043.2 There were no matters arising from the minutes of the Town Development Committee meeting held on Monday 8th September 2025.
- TD/25/044** **Chairman's Announcements**
There were no chairman's announcements.
- TD/25/045** **Questions**
There were no questions submitted by members before the meeting.
- TD/25/046** **Public Participation**
There was no public participation.
- TD/25/047** **Reports from Unitary Authority Members**
None
- TD/25/048** **Warminster Business Network**
The market was huge success across the board, for business and stall holders including two new businesses who opened that day and stallholders. We had a record 145 stall holders in total, a major logistical achievement. Attendance steady and busy through the whole day, highest number of visitors ever. The Market has brought in seven new businesses. However, footfall outside of market day is severely down.
This trend started in September, with some businesses down up to 25%, possibly due to budget speculation. We can't rest on our laurels and need to promote a "Look local first" attitude.

The committee recorded their thanks to all involved in making the Christmas Market a huge success.

Members noted the update from the Warminster Business Network
- TD/25/049** **Tynings Allotments**
Members noted the minutes from the meeting held on 13th August and 17th September 2025.
- TD/25/050** **Operational Flood Working Group South**
The Warminster 'Fore Street' Flood Working Group meets in December.

Members received the notes from the meetings of the Operational Flood Working Group South held on 22nd October 2025.
- TD/25/051** **Report Back on Community Energy Advice Events, October 2024 to March 2025.**
Members noted the report from Sustainable Warminster about the Energy advice Events.

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TD/25/052 Warminster Town Council Litter Champion

13 new volunteers have been given litter pickers, counters, etc. Each has a designated area and each individual is reporting in figures of how much litter they collect. In October it was 18,236 pieces of litter. More volunteers are always welcome.

The litter pick for World Clean Up Day on 20 September went well.

Councillor Jones hosted series of talks showcasing sustainability and conservation projects at the Wellbeing Hub in Warminster on Saturday 8th November. These were very informative and well attended and there will be another series of talks in 2026.

Sadly, there seems to be an increase in dog fouling in some parts of the town.

Members noted the update from Cllr Jones, the council's Litter Champion.

TD/25/053 Rights of Way Volunteers

Members noted the updates from the Rights of Way Volunteers.

TD/25/054 Grovelands Countryside and Wildlife Volunteers

Mr Turner and Cllr Allensby met with Persimmon. They raised a number of issues. There is a continuing problem with Warminster 10, Public Right of Way, and a ditch runs alongside it, the ditch is over 200 years old so no longer works as a ditch. Persimmon listen, but action doesn't seem to follow. Increasing complaints/reports are coming to Mr Turner about silt. There was discussion of the water butt initiative as part of the Watermark Town Initiative.

Members noted the updates from the Grovelands Countryside and Wildlife Volunteers.

TD/25/055 Communications

Members agreed a press release to be issued with the following spokesperson:
"Look Local First" Matt Towl and Cllr Jones as spokespeople.
Open Letter to the town about dog fouling – Cllr Cooper

Meeting closed at 7.30 pm.

Minutes from this meeting will be available to all members of the public either from our website www.warminster-tc.gov.uk or by contacting us at Warminster Civic Centre.

Date of next meeting: Monday 2nd March 2026.

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