

Minutes of the Meeting of Warminster Town Council

on

Monday 5th January 2026 at 7pm

held at the Civic Centre,

Sambourne Road, Warminster, BA12 8LB

Membership:

Cllr Allensby (West)	*	Cllr Keeble (West)	*
Cllr Barnes (East)	*	Cllr J Kirkwood (Broadway)	*
Cllr Carter (West)	*	Cllr S Kirkwood (Broadway)	*
Cllr Cooper (Broadway) Chairman of the Council and Mayor	*	Cllr Lee (Broadway)	*
Cllr Davis (East)	*	Cllr Parks (North)	*
Cllr Hawker (West)	*	Cllr Robbins (East)	*
Cllr Jones (North) Vice Chairman of the Council and Deputy Mayor	*	Cllr Tuisinu (East)	*

Key: * Present A Apologies AB Absent

In attendance:

Officers: Tom Dommett, (Town Clerk and RFO), Judith Halls (Deputy Town Clerk)., Kevin Whitehorn (Head of Estates)

Attendees:

Unitary Councillors: One

Members of the press: None

Members of the public: None

Police: None

FC/25/109 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

FC/25/110 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations received under Warminster Town Council's Code of Conduct, issued in accordance with the Localism Act 2011.

- FC/25/111** **Minutes**
FC/25/111.1 The minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Monday 24th November 2025 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
FC/25/111.2 There were no matters arising from the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Monday 24th November 2025.
- FC/25/112** **Chairman's Announcements**
FC/25/112.1. The Chairman reported that he had been overwhelmed by the number of people who approached him at the Christmas Market and Lights Switch on to say how pleased they were at things happening in the town and that Warminster was on the up. The Chairman also thanked Cllr Lee for her tenacity and determination in pursuing the issue to the breast screening service.
FC/25/112.2 The Mayor's engagements were noted.
- FC/25/113** **Correspondence Circulated**
The list of correspondence circulated was noted.
- FC/25/114** **Questions**
There were no questions submitted in advance by members of the council.
- FC/25/115** **Public Participation**
There was no public participation.
- FC/25/116** **Report from the Police**
The police report was circulated. Any question about the report to be sent to the Clerk who will forward them.
- FC/25/117** **Reports from Unitary Authority Members**
Cllr Hawker reported that the area board had not yet considered the % contribution town and parish councils should make to LHFIG schemes. The area board would be sending a letter in support of the Town Councils position on the Breast Screening service. Cllr Parks reported that a public meeting was being held by EBRAG on 10th January. Cllr Pirie reported his feedback from residents that they are very supportive of the events and investment in the town and the sense of momentum.
- FC/25/118** **Proceedings of Committees**
Minutes from the following meetings were adopted:
FC/25/118.1 Town Development Committee meeting held on 8th September 2025.
FC/25/118.2 Highways Advisory Committee meeting held on 3rd November 2025.
FC/25/118.3 HR Committee meetings held on 6th October 2025.
FC/25/118.4 Planning Advisory Committee meeting held on 17th November 2025
- FC/25/119** **Budget 2026-2027**
Members resolved to approve a precept of £1,516,900.00 for 2026 – 2027. This represents an increase to the precept of £94,360, (an increase of 6.6%) to maintain a balanced budget. The tax base has increased by 1.56% so this represents an increase (per Band D Equivalent charge) of 5.0% (equal to £10.94 per annum or 21 pence per week) bringing the charge for a Band D property to £229.61 per annum.

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Communications

Members requested a media release about the budget with the mayor appointed as spokesperson.

Meeting closed at 19.20pm.

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

Date of next meeting: Monday 19th January 2026.

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