

MINUTES of the MEETING of the LEASES & LEGAL SUB-COMMITTEE held at THE COUNCIL OFFICES, THE GROVE, SWANSCOMBE on WEDNESDAY 17 DECEMBER 2025 at 7.50pm

PRESENT: Councillor Ann Duke – Vice-Chairman in the Chair
Councillor Lorna Cross
Councillor Dawn Johnston
Councillor Richard Lees (substituting for Councillor Lesley Howes)
Councillor Graham Taylor (substituting for Councillor Elizabeth Wickham)

ALSO PRESENT: Graham Blew – Town Clerk
Indigo Allred – Administration Officer

ABSENT: None

351/25-26. ARRANGEMENTS AND CONSTRAINTS REGARDING FILMING OR RECORDING THE MEETING.

The Chairman explained the arrangements and constraints relating to the filming or recording of the meeting.

352/25-26. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Lesley Howes, due to other commitments.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Hazel Stephens, due to other commitments.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Elizabeth Wickham, due to other commitments.

353/25-26. SUBSTITUTES

Councillor Richard Lees Substituted for Councillor Lesley Howes.

Councillor Graham Taylor substituted for Councillor Elizabeth Wickham,

354/25-26. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

There were none.

The Chairman gave the opportunity for the meeting to be adjourned at this point to accept questions from the public.

355/25-26. ITEMS AS DEEMED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN / MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES.

There were none.

356/25-26. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11 DECEMBER 2024

Recommended: The Minutes of the meeting held on 11 December 2024 were confirmed and signed.

357/25-26. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC.

MOVED BY Councillor Richard Lees and seconded by Councillor Dawn Johnston.

RESOLVED:

That, pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, that because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and press leave the meeting during consideration of the following item(s).

No members of the press or public were present during discussion of the following item of business.

358/25-26. FREEHOLD TRANSFER OF KEARY ROAD ALLOTMENT SITE

Members considered the contents of the confidential report regarding the freehold transfer of Keary Road allotment site and the outstanding legal issue and potential financial implications.

After discussion it was proposed, duly seconded and agreed:

Recommended: That the Town Council proceed on the freehold transfer of Keary Road Allotment site.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 8.00pm.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Chairman)