



Minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting held on Wednesday 1 October 2025 at Lawley Community Centre, starting at 6:00pm

PRESENT

Cllr Erin Aston	Cllr Mark Boylan	Cllr Corrine Chikandamina
Cllr Zona Hannington	Cllr Emma Holding	Cllr Mike Povall
Cllr Cathy Salter		

IN ATTENDANCE

Jill Holland, Clerk to the Council

2025/062	WELCOME Cllr Mark Boylan welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2025/063	APOLOGIES Cllr Luke Lewis – domestic commitments
2025/064	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Noted on the attendance register
2025/065	PUBLIC SESSION No members of the public were present
2025/066	NEW COMMUNITY CENTRE The Clerk referred to the report containing the final analysis from the resident consultation, which also included suggestions for use, appearance, functionality and accessibility. In summary: • 202 responses were received but only 199 were viable (3 were outside the parish area) • Overall, 60.3% of residents responded in support of a new centre At the last meeting Council had requested that enquiries be made for alternative locations and the feasibility of extending the current facility. The response from Telford & Wrekin Council was that there were no other viable locations and that the current centre was landlocked, preventing any expansion. Councillors acknowledged the reasons why some respondents did not either agree to the forecasted increase to the precept and/or the building of a new centre: • Some residents already paid a Stewardship charge in addition to that of the Council Tax • Concerns regarding additional traffic, parking, noise/light pollution, further construction in the area • That other buildings should be used, such as schools and the Carpenter Family Centre • The new centre was too expensive In response they requested that these be addressed in the publication along with the final analysis: • The proposed centre would be a facility for the whole of the Parish area and all residents, and it does not involve the Stewardship provider for Lawley • The reports and surveys, part of the planning application process, should address concerns regarding parking, traffic, noise, etc. The Parish Council holds the contract for the Neighbourhood Enforcement Officers, who are able

	to patrol. In addition, the new centre opening and closing times would be the same as to the current one, which was in a residential area, with little or no impact • The use of schools and other TWC buildings would not provide the valuable access that is required during the day and evenings, as they too have limited availability due to safeguarding and preexisting groups • The projected cost of the build is a forecast and does not include any grant funding which the Parish Council will access, which would reduce any increase, and the projected income for the new centre is conservative and likely to be higher based on the research undertaken Members felt that wherever a build takes place that there would, understandably, be concerns but it was clear from the comments in support and a growing population that a new centre was needed. In addition, they referred to the low number of responses from those who did not want a new facility but could see the potential a new centre would provide, such as free activities for residents, educational and training opportunities as well as volunteering ones. It was also acknowledged that the Parish Council needed to review its communication methods across the whole of the area on a variety of subjects and issues, ensuring residents were better informed of the role it undertakes and the services it provides. Cllr Erin Aston PROPOSED to submit a planning application for the new centre along Bryce Way and to publish the report of the resident consultation. Cllr Emma Holding SECONDED. All Members IN FAVOUR.
2025/067	DATE OF NEXT MEETING The date of the next Parish Council meeting is due to take place on Tuesday 11th November 2025 at Dawley Baptist Church commencing at 6:00pm

Meeting closed at 6:35pm

Signed:

Date:

Chair: