

## LYME REGIS TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2026

#### Present

**Chairman:** Cllr P. Evans

**Councillors:** Cllr C. Aldridge, Cllr G. Caddy, Cllr M. Denney, Cllr D. Holland, Cllr N. Hampton-Rumbold, Cllr S. Larcombe, Cllr G. Stammers, Cllr G. Turner, Cllr A. Wood

**Officers:** A. Mullins (assistant town clerk), J. Wright (town clerk)

**Guests:** Cllr B. Bawden (Dorset Council ward member)

The mayor, Cllr P. Evans, read out the town prayer.

#### 25/132/C Public Forum

##### L. Gibbons

L. Gibbons said he had challenged the council for 14 years over excessive and potentially unlawful pavement licence charges and his position had now been vindicated. He had been contacted by the town clerk to request a meeting with himself and the mayor but he was not comfortable with meeting without representatives of Cobb Traders present. He said the town clerk would only meet him and he asked why other members were excluded, whether they understood what was taking place and why he was denied the right to representation. L. Gibbon said he subsequently received written confirmation that the Marine Parade is a highway and therefore subject to the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023. This meant the maximum pavement licence fee was £350, not £4,500, payable to Dorset Council, not the town council. He said this belated admission represented an embarrassing climbdown and exposed a troubling level of incompetence in the handling of the matter. He said the town council had adopted an unnecessarily confrontational approach throughout, entirely at odds with the constructive, professional, solution-focused discussions he had had with Dorset Council. He said the town clerk had said to him in October he would never win this, but how wrong he was. He said only public scrutiny, media attention and BBC coverage had forced the reversal, although the council's public statement did not take responsibility and incorrectly attempted to blame Dorset Council. He urged the council to take ownership of the mistake, acknowledge it was wrong and ensure he and other affected businesses were refunded in full. He said the issue had left a stain on the town council's reputation and he hoped lessons were learned and affected businesses were treated fairly, transparently and lawfully going forward. He thanked those who had supported him through this process.

##### T. Robinson

T. Robinson, chef patron and director of Tom's Lyme Regis, spoke about hospitality, which creates places where people want to visit, work, live and invest. He said following on from the government's last two budgets, businesses had been held back, investment cut, jobs lost and venues closed. There had been 100,000 jobs lost in the sector nationally, with west Dorset hospitality employing 5,848 workers, 600 of which were in Lyme Regis, which needed protecting. He said hospitality provided local social benefits, a place to go, socialise, make friends and reduce social isolation. It was a non-prejudiced employer, giving unskilled or low-skilled people a platform for career development. He said hospitality had seen several directly regressive employment taxes, with business rates and national insurance contributions increasing and wages increasing faster than inflation. He said the sector paid 10% of business rates while being responsible for 3% of turnover, and the UK had one of the highest rates of VAT in Europe. Hospitality provided jobs from first time roles to leadership roles, and it was the largest employer of people aged under 24, providing jobs, training, opportunity and rewarding careers. He said hospitality was one of the most gender-balanced and diverse employers in the UK, employing people with disabilities, providing part-time roles and allowing staff to have other commitments. He said local hospitality establishments helped the wider economy, benefitting fishermen, farmers, brewers, vineyards, food service companies and other local artisans, providing a market for trade and growth. He said given the right conditions and support from local and national government, growth could be generated, creating greater economic benefits in the local community. He said he appreciated the council's decision on the matter of outside seating, which would eventually benefit him, but he was frustrated it had taken this long to come to a decision. He understood this was based on the council being caught out, as opposed to working with local businesses to enable stability and growth. He hoped for a swift refund before businesses had to apply for new licences and pay further fees. He criticised the council's public statement saying it had no obligation to help local businesses and said the council needed to stop biting back when opposed and to work constructively with the people it represented. He thanked those involved in bringing the matter to a resolution.

## **T. Mayers**

T. Mayers said the pavement licence issue was a stark reflection of the contempt the council appeared to hold for local businesses and said it was not a minor administrative error, but a serious failure of governance, for which someone must take responsibility. He said the council's public statement that it had no statutory responsibility to support local businesses was particularly shocking, because although this was correct, he felt it was an extraordinary and ill-judged statement. He said it made it clear the council had no intention of supporting the local economy, reading as a deliberate act of defiance towards businesses which underpinned the town's prosperity.

T. Mayers also spoke about parking, referring to the Cobb Traders' request for free parking on Saturday 12 December for the Big Christmas Weekend. This was declined by the town council as Dorset Council did not allow a Saturday in December, but he said this was incorrect. He said Dorset Council had subsequently confirmed it would be willing to accommodate this and asked why the assistant town clerk did not verify

this before the request was dismissed. He noted the council had chosen Christmas Eve as a free parking day, when most shopping was complete and many businesses closed early. He said the Cobb Traders had also requested a winter parking discount, in line with schemes elsewhere, and they awaited a response. They had also asked for detailed parking data, including vehicle numbers and average stay to build a credible business case for reform. However, they had received a single page revenue summary, which was inadequate and prevented meaningful analysis.

T. Mayers also spoke about the LymeLiving magazine, which he felt was a gross misuse of public funds. He asked how the council could justify spending over £62,700 on a publication with a readership of around 800, while rejecting the opportunity for a full-time police community support officer (PCSO). He understood from the mayor and town clerk this £93,000 opportunity, which was equivalent to two officers, was declined on cost grounds, despite the clear benefits to public safety and community wellbeing. He urged the council to scrap or significantly scale back the magazine, abandon the failed Party in the Park event, and redirect funds into a PCSO that would deliver real, measurable benefits.

### **B. Bawden**

B. Bawden said she was raising concerns brought to her by the Cobb Traders. She asked if the LymeLiving magazine was good value for money and whether the costs of £62,700, plus the costs of a new communications officer and photographer, were justified for a readership of around 800. She asked if the £10,000 for Party in the Park was the full budget or whether there were additional costs and whether this was justified for around 200 people. She asked why it was claimed 2,000 attended when the event licence was for 500 people. She asked whether these budgets would be better spent on dedicated PCSOs for Lyme Regis. She said real time information systems showing bus arrival times would be a huge improvement for residents, workers and visitors, therefore a better budget priority.

B. Bawden said she was concerned about a graphic which had been included in the council's business bulletin, which presented a misleading picture of the delivery of council services and suggested a parity with Dorset Council. She listed some of the services carried out by Dorset Council that were not included and said it did not refer to the town council's statutory duty to conserve and enhance biodiversity, asking what actions the council had undertaken.

### **S. Lloyd**

S. Lloyd spoke about the LymeLiving magazine, for which she had received two different figures for the annual forecast: £40,000 and £65,200. This included a communications role of around £38,000 but it was not clear what proportion of that role was dedicated to the magazine. She said 1,200 copies were printed for the February edition, of which 458 were posted to households, 742 were placed at community collection points, and 500 were distributed digitally by email. She said this showed a high cost per unit for a council publication and asked if the magazine represented good value for money, given the number distributed. She had suggested alternatives, including an A5 format, with more pages if content volume required it, tighter print runs aligned to demand, charging for the magazine, and greater use of

digital distribution, which had been pushed back in favour of retaining the current format, without a clear financial comparison. She said modern marketing and publishing tools meant a brochure of this calibre could be produced using templated digital workflows, automating submission collection and editorial processes, and a PDF prepared efficiently for print in hours. She would be happy to demonstrate how this process worked. She said a 32-page A4 publication with 1,200 copies was £550 for printing alone, illustrating how significantly lower the base production cost can be when separated from wider overheads. She said other councils managed costs differently, including reduced publication frequency, using a capped contract, using less polished materials, and generating advertising revenue that covers design, print and distribution, helping to offset or minimise the cost to residents. She said this demonstrated the current model was not the only option and £65,000 was significant. She requested a formal comparison between the current approach and lower cost alternatives before further public funds were committed.

### **L. Jenkin**

L. Jenkin said in 1948, an officer worked on identifying and registering footpaths in Lyme Regis as part of a national post-war effort, but the officer died in office and his work was left unfinished. From 1999 to 2008, when she was a town councillor, she and the late Cllr Spencer Hogg worked to identify and register footpaths missing from the official map. They interviewed many residents from Lyme Regis who testified that in previous years, they had used Bagsters Steps and were successful in registering it as a public highway. She said the recent owners had installed a gate and gateposts, although a highway must not have either, as it suggested it is a private entrance. She said a highway must also not have obstructions such as bins. The Open Spaces Society had on its website a similar case in Somerset, which went into case law; the owners of the path in Somerset were required by magistrates to remove all obstructions, including gateposts and to return the lane to public use. She said in that situation, Somerset County Council supported the wealthy owners. She had met with someone from Dorset Council's rights of way team but he was not helpful and said the steps were dangerous and young children would come to grief, neither of which were relevant issues to the footpath. She asked for the town council's help in going to Weymouth Magistrates to require Bagsters Steps to be open for public use, and to have the gateposts and obstructions removed. She said the steps were the only pedestrian access to the River Lym between Jordan Flats and the sea. She was willing to approach the magistrates court and asked if the town council would support her in this action.

### **N. Ball**

N. Ball read out a poem he had written.

### **G. Symonds**

G. Symonds said Cobb Traders had had enough of what they perceived as an anti-business approach and they wished to work constructively. He said they formally requested a meeting with all members and members should lead the agenda, not officers. They were seeking an open, collective discussion without officers stifling

debate. He said local businesses were not the enemy, they were partners in the success of this town and should be treated as such.

**A. Ball (read out by an officer)**

Referring to the statement of internal control and risk management, A. Ball said there seemed to be conflict between senior officers and councillors regarding those who produced reports and those making the decisions. He suggested if assessments were better produced, informed decisions could be made constructively and safely. He felt this highlighted a possible disconnect or complacency between officers and councillors, it raised concerns and could be deemed risky or high risk. He noted the remit of a clerk and remit of a councillor.

Referring to internal audit, he noted the discussion on the selection of an auditor and suggested change would be a positive thing, as the current auditors had worked with the town council for a number of years. He suggested this was important in a changing landscape with different challenges ahead. He referred to the audit findings and listed some of the issues, which he said seemed a fairly extensive list which had occurred in a short space of time. He suggested this be carefully monitored to avoid these errors in future.

Referring to the minutes of the Tourism, Community and Publicity Committee meeting and specifically the item about the Lyme Regis Visitor Hub, he asked members to compare the draft minutes to what was actually said at the meeting. He said everything discussed should be reasonable and thoroughly minuted and suggested this was not the case for these minutes. He listed some of the comments which had not been minuted but he felt were relevant. He said although it may seem insignificant, it could make a difference to future decisions, with minutes remaining as a record for generations to come, while recordings were for support and transparency. He said he had been told recordings would be made available on the council website soon, as per the audio recording protocol.

A. Ball referred to the item on the agenda which recommended an informal and confidential member workshop due to the sensitivity of issues to be discussed. He felt this was against the council's objective to be more transparent and appeared secretive and distrustful. He felt the timing of this discussion was distasteful as there were a number of ongoing issues regarding possible unlawful charges, which may mean the council cannot collect the income. He asked if this was why there was an urgency to look for income elsewhere. He suggested some of the larger projects being pursued were not seen as the best decisions by the townspeople.

A. Ball noted the council was paying £681 per month for business rates on Guildhall Cottage, although he understood all business activity was now being carried out from St Michael's Business Centre. As such, he believed the Grade II Listed Guildhall Cottage was eligible for 100% rates' relief and he asked for confirmation of why this wasn't the case.

**A. Spargo (read out by an officer)**

A. Spargo expressed his dismay about charges made to seafront businesses for tables and chairs outside their premises. He said it seemed legally dubious and in these difficult times, where empty restaurants and shops would deter tourists, it would make the town less appealing. He was aware money was tight but the town needed these people.

## **25/133/C Dorset Council Matters**

Dorset Council (DC) ward member Cllr B. Bawden gave the following updates:

- DC's Full Council had agreed the 2026-27 budget, which included a £5million flood resilience fund and £250k for a new gully cleaning crew.
- The highways team had been working hard, with 34 days of gritting followed by constant rain, while trying to keep the highways open. They were now focusing on hot spots to fix damage, improve drainage and reduce disruption.
- The final government local authority settlement and special educational needs funding had been announced but it would not solve the problem long-term. The government had agreed to take existing debt from local authorities but not determined how it would be paid for. Many local authorities would have to declare bankruptcy if the high needs funding was not sorted out.
- The electoral review was agreed, with the same number of Dorset councillors as currently. The next step would be to review the boundaries with others.
- An amended motion was made requiring registered housing providers to review their policies on selling houses, prioritising sales to local families and replacing them with properties in the same area.
- There had been an announcement of the proposed closure of eight fire stations in the Dorset and Wiltshire area, including four in Dorset. There had been a public meeting in Charmouth organised by the Fire Brigades Union, attended by 120 people. There would be a 'save Charmouth Fire Station' campaign and she asked people to support this.

## **25/134/C Questions from Councillors**

### **Cllr A. Wood**

Cllr A. Wood asked if DC had allocated any extra money to highways for potholes as the roads were in a bad state.

Cllr B. Bawden said DC had announced the prioritisation of fixing potholes.

## **25/135/C Apologies for Absence**

Cllr S. Cockerell – away  
Cllr M. Ellis – personal commitment  
Cllr P. May – holiday  
Cllr C. Reynolds – illness

## **25/136/C Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

There were none.

**25/137/C Dispensations**

There were none.

**25/138/C To confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 17 December 2025**

Proposed by Cllr D. Holland and seconded by Cllr G. Turner, the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 17 December 2025 were **ADOPTED**.

**25/139/C Matters arising from the minutes of Full Council meeting held on 29 October 2025**

Members noted the report.

**25/140/C Update Report**

Members noted the report.

**25/141/C Mayor's Announcements**

Members noted the report.

**25/142/C Planning Committee**

Proposed by Cllr G. Turner and seconded by Cllr C. Alridge, it was **RESOLVED** to receive the minutes of the meetings held on 15 December 2025 and 27 January 2026, to note the committee's comments made on planning applications under the power delegated by Full Council, and to note the cancellation of the meeting on 6 January 2026.

**25/143/C Environment Committee**

Members noted the meeting scheduled to take place on 28 January 2026 was cancelled.

**25/144/C Human Resources Committee**

Proposed by Cllr G. Stammers and seconded by Cllr N. Hampton-Rumbold, it was **RESOLVED** to receive the minutes of the meeting held on 7 January 2026, and adopt the recommendations, as follows:

**25/39/HR – The Town Clerk's Objectives 2026-27**

**RESOLVED:** to approve the town clerk's objectives for 2026-27.

**25/42/HR – Operations Manager, Six-Month Probation Review**

**RESOLVED:** to approve the operations manager's permanent employment with the council, effective from 8 November 2025.

**25/43/HR – Gardener and Maintenance Person (post holder 211), Six-Month Probation Review**

**RESOLVED:** to approve the gardener and maintenance person's (post holder 211) continued employment with the council, effective from 7 December 2025.

**25/145/C Strategy and Finance Committee**

Proposed by Cllr C. Aldridge and seconded by Cllr M. Denney, it was **RESOLVED** to receive the minutes of the meeting held on 4 February 2026, and adopt the recommendations, as follows:

**25/46/SF – Internal Audit Report, Visit One 2025-26**

**RESOLVED:** to note the internal auditor's report for visit one of 2025-26 and approve the management responses.

**25/50/SF – Debtors**

Members discussed the level of debt related to the accreted land, currently at £37k and growing, and the length of time DC was taking to agree the lease, currently at around two years. It was suggested members gave officers a clear instruction to take legal action.

Proposed by Cllr P. Evans and seconded by Cllr D. Holland, members **RESOLVED** to instruct officers to take legal action against Dorset Council relating to the debt for the accreted land.

**25/146/C Tourism, Community and Publicity Committee**

Proposed by Cllr P. Evans and seconded by Cllr G. Caddy, it was **RESOLVED** to receive the minutes of the meeting held on 21 January, and adopt the recommendations, as follows:

**25/59/TCP – Free Parking Days**

**RESOLVED:** the non-charging days in Lyme Regis car parks for 2026 as follows:

- Sunday 10 May (Blessing of the Boats)
- Sunday 6 September (Lyme Splash)
- Sunday 8 November (Remembrance Sunday)
- Saturday 5 December (Small business Saturday)
- Saturday 21 November (Christmas Lights switch on)
- Thursday 24 December (Christmas Eve)

**25/60/TCP – Request to Explore a Sister-Municipality Relationship**

**RESOLVED:** to agree to receive a further report in spring 2026 on the feasibility of a sister-municipality relationship with the Municipality of Fundy Albert, New Brunswick, Canada.

**25/147/C Town Management and Highways Committee**

Members noted the meeting scheduled to take place on 14 January 2026 was cancelled.

**25/148/C Community Safety Accreditation Scheme**

The town clerk clarified that the existing enforcement officer would move to part-time hours on 1 April 2026, which meant there were vacancies for 1.5 people, allowing the council to move to a different kind of service. He said there would be no increase in the current enforcement officer salary as it was already equivalent to a PCSO's salary. He added that joining the scheme would cost the council £300 for accreditation.

It was clarified the council had looked at funding a PCSO via Dorset Police but this would have cost in excess of £90k for just one officer, so this scheme appeared to be a good alternative.

Proposed by Cllr C. Aldridge and seconded by Cllr G. Stammers, members **RESOLVED** to approve an 'in principle' decision to join Dorset Council's Community Accreditation Scheme and appoint 1.5 enforcement officers with a declared intent of redesignating their posts to comply with the conditions of the scheme.

**25/149/C Development of a Transport Strategy for Lyme Regis**

The town clerk said this was not the final plan and there would be plenty of scope for more discussion moving forward.

Members agreed it seemed a sensible strategy and supported the recommendations within the Dorset Council report.

Proposed by Cllr C. Aldridge and seconded by Cllr G. Stammers, members **RESOLVED** to take forward the three recommendations made by Dorset Council in its report about the Lyme Regis transport workshop.

**25/150/C Ideas to generate more income and/or reduce costs and/or improve operating efficiency**

The town clerk said some of the ideas needed to be explored further, which would be difficult to do at a committee meeting, so it was proposed to have a separate session to review them. Any ideas would then be brought forward to the council for consideration.

If members had any ideas of their own, they should let the deputy town clerk know.

Proposed by Cllr M. Denney and seconded by Cllr G. Caddy, members **RESOLVED** to hold an informal, single-purpose briefing session to which all members are invited and at which ideas to increase income and/or reduce operating costs and/or improve operating efficiency can be discussed and considered in more detail before feeding into the budget-setting process for 2027-28.

#### **25/151/C List of Payments**

Proposed by Cllr D. Holland and seconded by Cllr S. Larcombe, members **RESOLVED** to approve the schedule of payments in December 2025 for the sum of £203,634.74.

#### **25/152/C Seafront and Beach Concessions**

Proposed by Cllr S. Larcombe and seconded by Cllr G. Stammers, members **RESOLVED** that under Section 1, Paragraph 2 of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for this item of business as it included confidential matters relating to relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person within the meaning of paragraphs 1 and 8 of schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (see Section 1 and Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985), as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

#### **25/153/C Sale of Former Office Building**

Proposed by Cllr S. Larcombe and seconded by Cllr G. Stammers, members **RESOLVED** that under Section 1, Paragraph 2 of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for this item of business as it included confidential matters relating to relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person within the meaning of paragraphs 1 and 8 of schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (see Section 1 and Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985), as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

#### **25/154/C Park and Ride 2026 and Outturn 2025**

Proposed by Cllr S. Larcombe and seconded by Cllr G. Stammers, members **RESOLVED** that under Section 1, Paragraph 2 of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for this item of business as it included confidential matters relating to relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person within the meaning of paragraphs 1 and 8 of schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (see Section 1 and Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985), as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

#### **25/155/C Legal Advice**

Proposed by Cllr S. Larcombe and seconded by Cllr G. Stammers, members **RESOLVED** that under Section 1, Paragraph 2 of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for this item

of business as it included confidential matters relating to relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person within the meaning of paragraphs 1 and 8 of schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (see Section 1 and Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985), as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

## **25/156/C Exempt Business**

### **a) Seafront and Beach Concessions**

Proposed by Cllr M. Denney and seconded by Cllr G. Turner, members **RESOLVED** to award the trampolines (or similar) concession to Henry Herbert and the children's games and activities concession to United Beach Missions at the tender prices offered, both for 2026 to 2028.

It was noted United Beach Missions normally operates only in the summer holidays and suggested they could be asked to also operate in the Easter holidays.

### **b) Sale of Former Office Building**

Proposed by Cllr G. Caddy and seconded by Cllr A. Wood, members **RESOLVED** to note the position with the marketing of the former council office and delegate authority to approve the next steps of a marketing and disposal process to the town clerk in consultation with Alder King, the mayor, deputy mayor and the chairman and vice-chairman of the Strategy and Finance Committee

### **c) Park and Ride 2026 and Outturn 2025**

Members discussed the potential to move to a pay-to-park model but noted this was not straightforward as the park and ride land was not the council's, therefore it wasn't in its gift to implement this model, although this was still being pursued.

Members discussed the park and ride charges and it was suggested the fees were increased as the service had run at an increased net cost in 2025.

The town clerk said it was a delicate balance, as the aim was to encourage people to use park and ride instead of driving into town and increasing prices would discourage people from using it.

Members discussed the period of operation and whether park and ride was required for Easter, the May Bank Holiday and the June weekends.

Members discussed the park and ride signage.

*Cllr G. Stammers left the meeting at 8.29pm in line with her pecuniary interests.*

It was suggested digital signage was used in future to let people know car parks were full and to use the park and ride.

Proposed by Cllr G. Caddy and seconded by Cllr G. Turner, members **RESOLVED** to:

- approve First being appointed to operate the 2026 park and ride service for Lyme Regis at a cost of last year plus inflation, per bus per day, i.e., a maximum potential cost of last year plus inflation,
- ask officers to obtain prices for 83 or 67 days of operation and with a timetable operating between approximately 10.30am and 7pm to a service frequency of approximately 13 minutes and on the following dates:
  - 28 March to 12 April inclusive (every day, including weekdays) to cover Easter and school half-term (16 days) (possibly to be removed if 67 days is agreed)
  - 2-4 May to cover the bank holiday weekend (3 days)
  - 23 May to 31 May inclusive (every day, including weekdays) to cover school half term (9 days)
  - All other June and July **weekends** from 6/7 June to 18/19 July inclusive (14 days)
  - 22 July to 30 August inclusive, i.e., the entire school holiday period (every day, including weekdays) (40 days)
- approve the deployment of the same AA advanced signage as used in previous years at an estimated total cost of approximately £1,000 + VAT.
- to authorise officers to investigate the options for the future delivery of a park and ride service for Lyme having regard to any changes which may emerge through the local plan process and report back to the appropriate committee in due course.
- to approve the following ticketing arrangements for the 2026 park and ride service:
  - Adult single - £2.00 – unchanged since 2024
  - Adult return - £3.50 – unchanged since 2024
  - Child single - £1.50 – unchanged since 2024
  - Child return - £2.50 – unchanged since 2024
  - Group return (up to four people, not more than two adults) - £10.00 – new tariff introduced in 2024 and unchanged since then
  - Group return (up to five people, not more than three adults) - £12.00 – Unchanged since 2024
  - Concessionary passes NOT accepted – unchanged since 2024
- to note the outcome information for the 2025 park and ride service, including a total net cost to the council for the bus service (excluding land costs) of approximately £20,590 (increased from £8,517.00 in 2024 and £10,901 in 2023, but reduced from approximately £22k in 2022).

## b) Legal Advice

Proposed by Cllr S. Larcombe and seconded by Cllr D. Holland, members **RESOLVED** to obtain legal advice regarding a confidential matter.

*The meeting closed at 8.47pm.*