



## **Rayleigh Town Council**

The Pavilion, King George V Playing Field, Rayleigh, SS6 8JD  
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**Minutes of the Full Town Council meeting  
held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at 7:30pm  
at The Pavilion, King George V Playing Field, Rayleigh, SS6 8JD**

**Members Present:** Cllr D Balding  
Cllr N Gallop  
Cllr L Knell  
Cllr R Linden  
Cllr B Newport  
Cllr L Newport  
Cllr C Stanley  
Cllr D Sperring  
Cllr M Vernon – Chairman of Council  
Cllr I Ward  
Cllr I Wilson  
Cllr V Wilson

**In Attendance:** S Fishenden – Town Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer  
Two members of the public

**Item 1: Apologies for Absence: To receive and accept apologies**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Page, Cllr Lumley, Cllr O’Leary, Cllr Sutton, Cllr Roe, Cllr J Newport, Cllr Milne and Cllr Brewer.

**Item 2: Declaration of Members’ Interests: To receive declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests for this meeting**

Cllr V Wilson declared an interest in the Rayleigh Town Museum cost code due to being a volunteer.

**Item 3: Review of Earmarked Reserves: To review the Council’s earmarked reserves for the 2026-2027 financial year**

It as agreed to hold the following in earmarked reserves:

- Woodlands Trust EMR - £5,000
- Crown Hill Toilets EMR - £5,000
- Town Clock Refurbishment EMR - £5,000
- Operation Menai Bridge EMR - £1,000

- Elections EMR - £16,000
- IT Projects EMR - £5,000
- All-Cllr Training Day EMR - £2,000
- Allotments EMR - £4,500.

PROPOSED: Cllr Vernon. SECONDED: Cllr Linden. All in favour.

**Item 4: Council Budget for 2026-2027**

**4.1 Budget: To consider the draft budget for the 2026-2027 financial year**

The budget was considered and it was agreed with one amendment to rename the 'Summer Music Event' cost code to 'Summer event'.

The budget requirement for 2026-2027 financial year was therefore set at £889,028.10.

PROPOSED: Cllr Vernon. SECONDED: Cllr Linden. There were nine votes in favour and three abstentions. The motion was carried.

**4.2 Precept: To agree the precept requirement for the 2026-2027 financial year**

The precept requirement for the 2026-2027 financial year was set at £847,465.10.

PROPOSED: Cllr Vernon. SECONDED: Cllr Linden. There were nine votes in favour and three abstentions. The motion was carried.

***The meeting closed at 9pm***