

**SUDBURY TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF SUDBURY TOWN COUNCIL**  
**HELD IN THE TOWN HALL ON WEDNESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2026 AT 6.30PM**

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Present: Mr A Stohr– Mayor of Sudbury, in the CHAIR  
Mrs M Barrett Ms E Murphy  
Mr K Graham Miss A Owen  
Mr S Hall Mr A Welsh

In attendance: Mr C Griffin – Town Clerk  
Mrs C Morgan – Deputy Clerk and RFO

1. APOLOGIES AND APPROVAL OF ABSENCES

Apologies were received from Town Councillors Mr N Bennett, Ms J Carter, Mr J Jeager, Mr T Regester and Mr N Younger.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor Miss A Owen declared that she was also a Babergh District Councillor.

3. DECLARATIONS OF GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY

No declarations of gifts or hospitality were made.

4. REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

There were no requests for dispensation.

5. TO CONFIRM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

**RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the council meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2026 are an accurate record and are to be signed by the Chairman.

The mayor brought item 7 forward so that it could be discussed in public before the need to go into a private and confidential section to discuss the individual bids.

**7. TO AUTHORISE THE EXPENDITURE OF UP TO £50,000, EXCLUDING VAT, FOR THE CONTRACT FOR THE ESSENTIAL REPAIRS TO FLINT LODGE**

The mayor explained that it had become necessary to hold an extraordinary meeting of the full council as the only two contractors who had submitted quotes for the essential repair work at Flint Lodge were both well above the £40,000 authorised at the last full council meeting. As Sudbury Town Council were legally obliged to do this repair work it would be unwise to delay further. The contractors had been told that the council would have confirmed the contract by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July and they had resources lined up accordingly. If the town council delayed a decision until the following week it might cause even greater delays.

The Mayor emphasised that, whichever contractor was selected, it was necessary to authorise the funds required for this contract. By authorising up to £50,000 there would be sufficient additional funding to cover the costs if additional areas of flint work were found to be loose and required repair.

**RESOLVED**

**That, under the power of the Local Government Act 1972, s.214(2), members agreed to approve the expenditure of up to £50,000 excluding VAT on the contract for the essential repairs to Flint Lodge.**

**RESOLVED**

**EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC (WHICH TERM INCLUDES THE PRESS)**

**That pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s.1(2), the public be excluded from the meeting for the business specified in items 6 as the publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted as this item will covered confidential contractual information.**

**6. TO SELECT THE CONTRACTOR FOR THE ESSENTIAL REPAIRS TO FLINT LODGE**

The members examined the two bids that had been received from MD Mills and Matthew James contractors and the answers to the follow-up questions that had been sent to both.

**RESOLVED**

**That Matthew James be selected as the contractor for the essential repairs to Flint Lodge.**

**See CONFIDENTIAL Annes A, minute page 688.**

The business of the meeting was concluded at 6:48pm.

Chairman .....

