WARWICK TOWN COUNCIL

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EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

2nd SEPTEMBER 2026

MINUTES

	PRESENT: The Mayor Cllr D Browne Cllr J Darcy Cllr Mrs K Dray Cllr O Jacques Cllr D Skinner Cllr P Wightman
41	**APOLOGIES:** Cllr Mrs C Bryan, Cllr M Edwards, Cllr Ms K Gorman, Cllr Mrs E Harrison, Cllr Mrs M Mangat, Cllr Miss CL Moynihan, Cllr AP Murphy & Cllr J Sinnott sent their apologies it was resolved to accept them.
42.	**DECLARATION OF PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTEREST:** None
43.	Closed Church yards in Warwick. Cllr P Wightman emailed an update of current position. WDC had set out their position that a transfer must have occurred under earlier Act meaning Warwick Town Council could not pass on maintenance responsibility but needed to accept responsibility which would need to be funded form the Town precept. No evidence provided by WTC and previously agreed that before WTC would accept, would write direct to the churches to ascertain the true position as if a transfer had taken place under the earlier Act, evidence of this

	should still be available. All 3 Churches have been approached. None of the churches have provided any evidence that the responsibilities were ever formally transferred to WTC (or Warwick Borough Council) under any Act. Nor have they disputed WTC's position that if this is the case formal maintenance responsibilities still sit with the respective parochial church councils (PCCs). Since our correspondence, St Nics and St Paul's have passed resolutions To give notice to Warwick District Council, in accordance with section 215 (2) of the local government act 1972. St Marys have not made a decision yet and a separate meeting will be held with them. Cllr Wightman reviewed the background to the proposed resolutions. He outlined the purpose of this meeting. There are two resolutions Firstly – To give notice to Warwick District Council, in accordance with section 215 (3) of the Local Government Act 1972, to take on responsibility for the maintenance of the closed St Pauls Church yards at the conclusion of the statutory notice period rather than Warwick Town Council. All were in favour. Secondly - To give notice to Warwick District Council, in accordance with section 215 (3) of the Local Government Act 1972 to take on responsibility for the maintenance of the closed St Nicolas Church yards at the conclusion of the statutory notice period rather than Warwick Town Council. All were in favour.

Signed……..Dated**……**