

SOUTH WOODHAM FERRERS TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Extra Ordinary Council meeting held on
Tuesday 2nd December 2025
at 6.00pm
at Champions Manor Hall

Present:

Councillor Shearring (Chair)

Councillor Birch
Councillor Eley
Councillor Massey

Councillor O' Brien
Councillor Sherlock
Councillor Thompson

In attendance: Town Clerk

C25-229 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were **RECEIVED** and **ACCEPTED** from
Councillors Knox, Perham Lake, Ferry and Roberts

Absent: Councillors Humphrey, John, Bentley, Crosbie, Wilson, Barnett,
Kelly, Sismey & Price.

C25-230 Dispensation Considerations

None received.

C25-231 Declarations of Interest

None received.

C25-232 Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 18th November 2025 were
agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting.

Proposed: Councillor O'Brien

Seconded: Councillor Eley

Vote: All in favour

C25-233 Public Questions

No public questions raised.

C25-234 Essex County Council Local Government Reorganisation

Council discussed and considered a response to the consultation ending
11th January 2026.

Link to Statement: <https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-statements/detail/2025-11-19/hcws1071>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/local-government-reorganisation-in-essex-southend-on-sea-and-thurrock/proposals-for->

Proposal: South Woodham Ferrers Town Council supports the proposed five unitary councils across the whole of the area of Essex, Thurrock and Southend-on-Sea, comprising the current district areas of:

- **West:** Uttlesford, Harlow, Epping Forest
- **North East:** Braintree, Colchester, Tendring
- **Mid:** Brentwood, Chelmsford, Maldon
- **South West:** Thurrock, Basildon
- **South East:** Castle Point, Southend, Rochford

Proposed: Councillor Shearring

Seconded: Councillor Birch

Vote: Carried

Proposal: To collate the comments from the Town Council and prepare a final consultation response for approval by the members present at the meeting and following that approval, delegate authority to the Town Clerk to submit the response by the deadline of 11 January 2026.

Proposed: Councillor O'Brien

Seconded: Councillor Birch

Vote: All in Favour

C25-235 Media Release

- The Town Council response to the consultation to be included as an appendix in the minutes.

C25-236 Next Meeting

Next meeting will be held on 20th January 2026 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business to discuss the Town Mayor closed the meeting at 7.18pm

Signed
(Chair of the Meeting)

Date: 20th January 2026