

Melksham Town Council

Minutes of the Full Council Extraordinary Meeting

At Melksham Town Hall on Monday 15 June 2026

PRESENT:	Councillor S Rabey	Town Mayor and Chair
	Councillor G Elson	Deputy Mayor and Vice Chair
	Councillor P Aves	
	Councillor E Calland	
	Councillor J Crossley	
	Councillor C Stokes	
	Councillor A Westbrook	
	Councillor J Westbrook	
OFFICERS	Hayley Bell	CEO/Town Clerk
	Ian Cunningham (virtual)	Community Officer
	Amelie Huxtable (virtual)	Placement Student
	Andrew Meacham	Committee Clerk
	Robert Reay-Waugh	Venue Manager
	Dominic Rutterford (Virtual)	Communications
	David Skinner	RFO

PUBLIC three members of the public were present.

32/26 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Cleary, Councillor Griffin, Councillor Price and Councillor Whitlock

33/26 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

34/26 Public Participation

The owner of Evie's Kitchen wished to share some thoughts on the discussions with Splash.

- Method Statement how doing works.
- How many new tiles. How many old tiles.
- Name of company that makes the glue and compound.
- What is the method for laying the compound and are they following the instructions.
- Confirm if sub-base should be sealed.
- Sub-floor should ideally be laid in one day.

Also confirmed that he would be available on site to monitor if the Council so wished.

The chair thanked him for attending and for his input at the meeting with Splash.

35/26 Melksham Splashpad

The Chair and Town Mayor gave an update on meeting with Splash and read out a without prejudice and subject to contract email received from Splash.

Members discussed the matter and standing orders were suspended to allow the owner of Evie's Kitchen to speak.

The following points and concerns were raised.

- It was confirmed that remedial work would be undertaken at no cost to Melksham Town Council or residents.
- While Melksham Town Council has no financial loss from the closure, that does not apply to businesses and Melksham Town Council could give no undertaking that such businesses may choose to take action.
- Melksham Town Council would wish to reserve the right to take further action if the remedial work was not done to standard.
- It was agreed in the meeting with Splash that the whole floor would be replaced, not just "affected tiles"
- A sign was needed at the Splashpad to keep people up to date.
- Timescale for the work was from 22 June 2026, lasting for two weeks, for all hours possible. This was subject to weather conditions and weekend work was expected to make up for any lost time.
- Every stage of remedial work must be monitored, with photographic evidence.
- Splashpad should be checked regularly by officers during closure.
- To correct an error in the report, the Splashpad opened in July 2019, with official opening in August 2019.
- It was noted that Splash are the leading company in the country and came well recommended.
- Options should be investigated, should remedial work not be up to an acceptable standard.
- It was noted that Splash representative was complimentary about procedures in place and officers' actions.

Standing Orders were suspended to allow members of the public to make final comments. It was re-iterated that it was important to get the sub-floor right and a request was made to weed the area.

The Ceo would go back to Splash on points of concern and points raised during public participation.

Meeting closed at: 18:35

SignedDated