Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting of Sevenoaks Town Council Held on Monday, 10 August 2026 in the Council Chamber, Town Council Offices, TN13 3QG

(Unfortunately, due to a technical issue, the planned livestream of this meeting on YouTube was unsuccessful).

Meeting commenced: 19:55 Meeting Concluded: 20:37

Attendance

Present: Cllr Libby Ancrum, Cllr Sue Camp, Cllr Catherine Daniell (Deputy Leader), Cllr Dr Peter Dixon, Cllr Chloe Gustard, Cllr Sally Layne, Cllr Lionel O'Hara (Deputy Mayor), Cllr Claire Shea (Leader), Cllr David Skinner OBE, Cllr Nick Varley (Remote Attendance*), Cllr Nigel Wightman

Apologies: Cllr Dr Merilyn Canet, Cllr Tony Clayton, Cllr Victoria Granville (Mayor), Cllr Lise Michaelides, Cllr Gareth Willis

Also present: Town Clerk / Chief Executive, Planning Committee Clerk

Members of the Public Present: None.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS: None.

278 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Dr Merilyn Canet, Cllr Tony Clayton, Cllr Victoria Granville (Mayor), Cllr Lise Michaelides, and Cllr Gareth Willis.

*Cllr Nick Varley attended remotely via Zoom and took part in discussions but did not vote on matters under consideration as remote attendance does not legally constitute him being "present" at the meeting.

279 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

Noted that all Councillors who were also Stag Trustees had a pre-approved dispensation, reference Minute 284 below regarding the Community Asset Transfer request for the Stag freehold.

280 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

281 MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF SEVENOAKS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 20TH & 27TH JULY 2026
RESOLVED: to receive, adopt and sign the following minutes as true records:

- Sevenoaks Town Council Meeting held on 20th July 2026
- Extra Ordinary Meeting of Sevenoaks Town Council held on 27th July 2026

282 PRESS RELEASE

None.

283 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was **RESOLVED** that, under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

284 COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER - THE STAG

Town Councillors noted the recent correspondence between Warners Solicitors on behalf of Sevenoaks Town Council and Sevenoaks District Council legal department.

Town Councillors were disappointed that the District Council had not agreed to the numerous requests for negotiations and conversations regarding the concerns surrounding the Community Asset Transfer of the Stag. Also, that formal legal requests for mediation to date had been rejected.

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously but with regrets that such action is necessary to proceed with legal action in relation to the Sevenoaks District Council's decision for the Community Asset Transfer of the Stag Community Arts Centre.

There being no further business the Deputy Mayor closed the meeting.

Signed: _____

Chair

Date: _____