



Minutes of a meeting of the Amenities Committee held on TUESDAY 15 APRIL 2025 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, East Street, Wareham at 7.30pm.

Committee Members present: Councillors V Green (Chairman), S Wheatley (Vice Chairman), M Cotton, K Critchley, I Davey, M Hill, L Kirk and D Robinson.

Officers present: Sam Dickins, Deputy Town Clerk, K Babbs, Admin Officer

A 058/25 Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

A 059/25 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

A 060/25 Public participation time

There were no members of the public present.

A 061/25 Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Amenities Committee held on 11 February 2025 were **APPROVED** and signed by the Chairman following the meeting.

A 062/25 Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

Cllr Critchley asked for an update on the purchase of the paving slabs for the recently installed noticeboard at Wareham Railway Station (Min A049/25). The Deputy Clerk confirmed one of the Grounds team had donated unused slabs which were to be installed later in the week.

Cllr Robinson noted whether considerations for water a bottle refill station, solar-powered water heating and dog water stations were being made. The Deputy Clerk noted that this could be explored as the project progressed.

A 063/25 Planter Sponsorship

Members considered the pricing for the town's sponsored planters.

It was **RESOLVED** to agree that the current charges of £75 or a two-tiered planter and troughs, and £45 for a hanging basket, inclusive of VAT, for the town's sponsored planters remain unchanged for the 2025/26 financial year.

A 064/25 Commercial Waste Contract Review

Members considered the report to review the Town Council's current commercial waste contract, noting the reduction from the current service provider on all three quotes.

It was **RESOLVED** to appoint supplier 1 (Dorset Council) for the Town Council's commercial waste contract at a cost of £101.32 ex VAT per month rising potentially to £114.88 ex VAT per month due to increased collections during the summer months.

A 065/25 Council Chamber Replacement Curtains

Members considered the report to select a supplier for the curtain replacement for the Council Chamber.

The Deputy Clerk noted that supplier 2 had to amend their price subsequently as a result of a supplier change. The quote was now £8451.23 ex VAT.

It was **RESOLVED** to select supplier 3 (Creative Curtains and Upholstery Ltd) at a cost of £7890.00 as a recommendation to Full Council for approval. No VAT payable as the supplier is not VAT registered.

A 066/25 Cricket wicket replacement

Members considered the report to select a supplier for the replacement of the artificial cricket wicket at Wareham Recreation Ground.

It was **RESOLVED** to select supplier 2 (Slatter Cricket and Play Ltd) at a cost of £8672 ex VAT as a recommendation to Full Council for approval.

A 067/25 Flagpole Replacement

Members considered the report to select a contractor to supply and install replacement flagpoles on the Town Hall.

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend Supplier 1 (House of Flags) at a cost of £2760.00 ex VAT as a recommendation to Full Council for approval.

A 068/25 Wareham Wednesdays Bonfire and Fireworks Night 2025

It was noted Wareham Wednesdays had again requested permission to use the Recreation Ground on Friday 7 November 2025 for their bonfire and fireworks event.

Cllr Critchley raised that there were historic concerns surrounding charging for access onto the Recreation Ground. Following investigation by the Town Clerk and Deputy Clerk there was nothing found to restrict the Town Council granting permission for groups charging to come onto the Recreation Ground.

It was **RESOLVED** to grant permission to Wareham Wednesdays to hold their Bonfire and Fireworks Night on Friday 7 November 2025 at Wareham Recreation Ground and to charge entry for the event.

A 069/25 Any other items the Chairman deems urgent

Cllr Green noted this year's Amenities Committee had conducted a substantial amount of business and thanked members for their participation.

A 070/25 Date of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the Amenities Committee was scheduled to be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 10 June 2025

Chairman..... Date.....