



**Minutes of a meeting of the Amenities Committee held
on TUESDAY 10 June 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.

Also in Attendance: Cllr Z Gover (Mayor)

Officers present: N Gray, Town Clerk & RFO, S Dickins, Deputy Town Clerk

A 001/25-26 Election of Chairman

Cllr Green was proposed by Cllr Wheatley and seconded by Cllr Robinson. Cllr Green accepted the proposal.

Cllr Cotton was proposed by Cllr Hill and seconded by Cllr Davey. Cllr Cotton accepted the proposal.

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Green be elected as Chairman for the 2025/26 municipal year.

A 002/25-26 Election of Deputy Chairman

Cllr Wheatley was proposed by Cllr Critchley and seconded by Cllr Kirk. Cllr Wheatley accepted the proposal.

Cllr Cotton was proposed by Cllr Hill and seconded by Cllr Davey. Cllr Cotton accepted the proposal.

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Wheatley be elected as Deputy Chairman for the 2025/26 municipal year.

A 003/25-26 Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

A 004/25-26 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

A 005/25-26 Public participation time

There were three members of the public present, all of whom spoke in respect of Hauses Field and the potential facilities which may be considered by the Committee.

A 006/25-26 Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Amenities Committee held on 15 April 2025 were **APPROVED** and signed by the Chairman.

A 007/25-26 Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

Cllr Critchley requested updates on the installation of the artificial cricket wicket and replacement of the Town Hall's flag poles. The Deputy Town Clerk noted that the cricket wicket installation had been booked for after the current cricket season and flagpole installations were booked for 1 July 2025.

The Chair moved agenda item 9 to be dealt with before agenda item 8, enabling members of the public present to hear the discussion.

A 009/25-26 Hauses Field Facilities

The committee considered the report regarding potential additional facilities for Hauses Field.

The Mayor noted that she had been approached by several members of the public regarding the existing facilities at Hauses Field as being insufficient and poor, and that action needed to be taken to address the needs of the community.

Cllr Critchley noted that previous health and safety concerns had stifled facilities at Hauses field but emphasised the importance of the Council overcoming these to deliver facilities.

The suggestions of MUGA facilities or similar, as well as enhancement of the pump track area was highlighted, and the benefits of these facilities to members of the community was stressed.

Cllr Davey noted the sporting activity such as basketball which had positive benefits for family members and spoke in support of the Council providing better facilities at Hauses Field.

It was agreed that the Chairman and Vice Chairman would visit Hauses Field with the Deputy Town Clerk to consider and investigate the issues highlighted from public participation and the report.

It was **RESOLVED** that further investigation of enhancing facilities at Hauses Field be carried out for report and consideration as to what facilities would be feasible for the Council to provide both spatially and financially at the next meeting, after which public engagement would take place.

A 008/25-26 Council Chamber Chairs

The committee considered the report in respect to the purchase of additional chairs for the Council Chamber and discussed the various options.

It was **RESOLVED** to purchase 27 Tahara Wooden Frame Stacking Chairs from Office Boffins at a cost of £2,212.65 +VAT using the Town Hall, Equipment and Buildings budget.

A 010/25-26 Any other items the Chairman deems urgent

There were no items deemed urgent.

A 011/25-26 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 12 August 2025.

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