



Minutes of a meeting of the Amenities Committee held on Tuesday 12 August 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: S Dickins, Deputy Town Clerk, K Babbs, Admin Officer

A 012/25-26 Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

A 013/25-26 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

A 014/25-26 Public participation time

There were six members of the public present. All of whom spoke in relation to enhancing the facilities at Hauses Field.

A 015/25-26 Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Amenities Committee held on 10 June 2025 were **APPROVED** and signed by the Chairman.

A 016/25-26 Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

Cllr Critchley asked for an update on the Flagpole installation on the Town Hall. The Deputy Clerk confirmed these had been installed on 1 July 2025.

A 017/25-26 Hauses Field Facilities

The Committee noted the report which considered the investigation into the feasibility of proposals to enhance facilities in Hauses Field.

The Chair led a vote of thanks for the Deputy Town Clerk's work so far.

The Committee considered the potential need and resident demand, potential locations along with financial consideration for the facilities, existing guidance and best practice, and the impact on nearby residents for a multi-use games area and dirt pump track facilities.

It was **RESOLVED** to consider provision for a MUGA in the 2026/27 Amenities budget and that further feasibility work be undertaken regarding a future pump track facility.

A 018/25-26 War Memorial Repair

The Committee considered the report in respect to repairing the damage to the St Martin's-on-The-Walls war memorial.

It was **RESOLVED** that Purbeck Masonry be appointed to repair the damage to the St Martin's-on-The-Walls war memorial at a cost of £300 with £250 to be taken from Town Features and Furniture - War Memorial Maintenance budget, with the remainder taken from the War Memorial Reserve.

A 019/25-26 Carey Hall Play Area Fencing

The Committee considered the report in respect to the installation of additional fencing at the Carey Hall Play Area.

Cllr Cotton and Cllr Critchley noted a strong potential that the houses whose fences were posing concern belonged to one of the local housing associations.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Deputy Clerk seeks to establish whether a local housing association owned the adjoining failing fences and liaise accordingly for the repairs.

A 020/25-26 Any other items the Chairman deems urgent

There were no items deemed urgent.

A 021/25-26 Date of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the Amenities Committee was scheduled to be held at 7.30pm on 14 October 2025.

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