



Minutes of a meeting of the Amenities Committee held on Tuesday 14 October 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, M Hill, L Kirk and D Robinson.

Officers present: N Gray, Town Clerk & RFO, K Babbs, Admin Officer

A 022/25-26 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr I Davey

A 023/25-26 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

A 024/25-26 Public participation time

There was one member of the public present who spoke in respect of the potential facilities at Hauses Field.

A 025/25-26 Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Amenities Committee held on Tuesday 12 August 2025 were **APPROVED** and signed by the Chair.

A 026/25-26 Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

Cllr Cotton requested an update on the Carey Hall Play Area fencing. The Clerk advised that the Deputy Clerk had spoken with the Housing Association who had established that fencing repairs were the responsibility of the housing occupants as part of their lease agreement, and they would endeavour to follow this up.

Cllr Critchley requested an update on the St Martin's-on-the-Wall War Memorial repair, and the Clerk advised the repair was scheduled for Wednesday 15 October 2025.

A 027/25-26 Amenities Budget 2026/27

The committee considered the amenities draft budget items to be included in the 2026/27 financial year which would form part of the Council's budget and precept setting process. Some minor amendments were made, but the majority proposed draft items were agreed.

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend an earmarked sum of £25,000 to Policy Resources and Finance committee as a starting figure for the MUGA to be included in the 2026/27 budget.

A 028/25-26 Carey Play Area Replacement Trampoline Padding

The committee considered the report and quote for replacement Trampoline padding at Carey Play Area. It was noted that the current design was not suitable as it was liable to frequent vandalism due to its design, and a similar piece of equipment at the recreation ground was much sturdy and had not been able to be vandalised.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Deputy Clerk seek further quotes from alternative playground providers and return for consideration.

A 029/25-26 Defibrillator installation request at Wareham Recreation Ground

The committee considered a request to install a defibrillator on the pavilion at the recreation ground by Wareham Rangers Youth Team.

Cllr Hill noted the costs involved in the replacement of pads and sundry items following each use of the device, but the committee agreed the cost would be worth the potential life saving ability of the installation.

It was **RESOLVED** that permission be granted to Wareham Rangers Youth Team to install a community defibrillator on the pavilion at Wareham Recreation Ground, with the Council taking responsibility for future ongoing costs to replacement items.

A 030/25-26 Any other items the Chairman deems urgent

There were no items deemed urgent.

A 031/25-26 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 9 December 2025.

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