



Minutes of a meeting of the Amenities Committee held on 14 April 2026 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, East Street, Wareham at 7.30pm.

Committee Members Present: Councillors V Green (Chairman), S Wheatley (Vice Chairman), K Critchley, S Dean and M Hill.

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

A 052/25-26 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr M Cotton, Cllr L Kirk and Cllr D Robinson.

A 053/25-26 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

A 054/25-26 Public participation time

There were no members of the public present.

A 055/25-26 Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Amenities Committee held on 10 February 2026 were **APPROVED** and signed by the Chairman.

A 056/25-26 Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

The Committee requested an update regarding the installation of the waste bin at Bell's Orchard adjoining the Saxon Walls. The Deputy Town Clerk confirmed this has been installed.

The Committee requested an update regarding the hedgehog boxes. The Town Clerk noted the Administration Officer was awaiting confirmation of suitable locations from the Wareham Hedgehog Society.

The Town Clerk noted the Council had subsequently received quotes for the Town Hall roof repair which would be sent to the Chair and Town Clerk for approval.

The Committee requested an update regarding the Dorset Mind Chatty Bench. The Deputy Town Clerk noted that Dorset Mind were still seeking corporate sponsorship ahead of its installation.

A 057/25-26 Howards Lane Car Park Relining

The Committee considered the report about the relining of the Howards Lane Car Park.

It was **RESOLVED** that Dorset Council be appointed to reline the Howards Lane Car Park at a cost of £3,934 including VAT to be drawn from the "Car Park Maintenance" earmarked reserve.

A 058/25-26 Any other items the Chairman deems urgent

There were no other items deemed urgent.

A 059/25-26 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 09 June 2026.

A 060/25-26 Confidential Session

It was **RESOLVED** that under Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the nature of the business to be transacted.

A 061/25-26 Howards Lane Public Toilet Update

The Committee considered the update regarding the Howards Lane Public Toilet.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Council proceed with the consultant's recommendations outlined within the tabled briefing and make appropriate arrangements with the current cleaning contractor.

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