



Beaminster Town Council

## TOWN AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Town Amenities Committee meeting held in the Cowie Room, Public Hall on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2026 commencing at 7.00pm.

**501 PRESENT:** Cllr Gunning, Cllr Wallbridge, Cllr Dawkins and Cllr Acton; also Sara Cradock (Town Clerk), Mr Harvey (Beaminster Football Club), Mr Alexander (Head Groundskeeper), Mr Crabb (Cricket Club) and Ms Reed (Cricket Club). One member of the public was present.

**502 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Gillings and Nan Dower (allotments).

**503 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2026 having previously been circulated were confirmed and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

**504 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS**

No declarations of interest were received.

**505 PROGRESS UPDATE**

Members **NOTED** the following updates:

- Cemetery wall repairs complete
- Cladding works complete at the Pavilion
- Water fountain at Pavilion repaired 7<sup>th</sup> May
- Pitch has been spiked
- New flooring in Pavilion booked for 20<sup>th</sup> July
- Painting of Pavilion after flooring complete – main hall to be done by Terry Field & other areas to be done by Alex & Matt over the winter.
- Waiting on date for shutters in Pavilion to be fixed – they are waiting on a part.
- New rear door installed in Public Hall/Community Fridge
- Safe route to school, Playing Field – waiting for DC to come back with costs
- Hanging baskets and Dorset flags have been put up

**506 MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELD**

**(a) Play Area Safety Report**

Members were circulated a copy of the safety report prior to the meeting. It was **NOTED** that the suspension ropes for the swing need replacing. Awaiting quote.

## **(b) Beaminster Football & Cricket Club Representatives**

Mr Harvey thanked the Council for spiking the pitch. He advised that it would be beneficial to do it again in September/October time and then again in August/September.

Mr Harvey advised that there has been an issue with hot water for the showers at the last two matches. Mr Alexander was unaware of the issue and agreed to look into it.

Mr Harvey raised the issue of drainage on the field. Mr Alexander advised that it had been spiked and planned for it to happen again later in the year. Mr Harvey asked if we could look at the drainage. Mr Alexander said that some of it was working but the potential cost was considerable.

Mr Harvey enquired as to whether the advertising boards could continue to be stored in the changing rooms. Cllr Gunning informed Mr Harvey that this had just been a temporary measure. Next season, the boards will need to be stored in the shepherd's hut away from the pavilion. Cllr Gunning suggested a trolley to make it easier to transport the boards. Cllr Gunning also advised that a long-term plan would be to build some extra storage to the exterior of the Pavilion, but this would be when funds allowed. Cllr Gunning advised that the Council are planning to spend approx. £20k on new flooring throughout the pavilion.

Mr Alexander asked Mr Harvey if the football club could use bright-coloured pegs to hold down the goals as the current metal pins are sometimes missed and can cause damage to machinery. Mr Harvey agreed. Mr Alexander also raised the issue of football shin tape being left on the field after games and the weed killer that had been put down was too big an area.

Mr Crabb raised the same issues as Mr Harvey; no hot water in the showers and lack of storage. Ms Reed advised that the public toilet key agreement would be signed and returned by the end of the week. **NOTED**

## **507 PAVILION**

### **(a) New Pavilion Signage**

It was **AGREED** unanimously that the Town Council would proceed with the signage for the Pavilion without the DCMS logo. The Council can prove that it has contacted DCMS to obtain the logo but received no response.

### **(b) Bar Installation**

It was **AGREED** unanimously to install a bar in the Pavilion and for the Cricket Club to manage it. The costs of the door installation will be met by the Cricket Club.

## **508 CEMETERY**

### **(a) Condition of Whatley Lane (Beaminster footpath 1)**

The Chair gave permission for resident, Rob England, to address the council. He explained who the main users of the footpath are, the reason for the condition of the road and that advice and quotes were being sourced from contractors to have the footpath resurfaced. **NOTED.**

**(b) Access to the front cemetery (Whatley Lane)**

It was **AGREED** unanimously that the owners of Trefoil House be contacted with regards to timescales on the competition of the works. In particular, the pillars to be reinstated to the cemetery entrance and the path in the front cemetery to be restored to allow access.

**509 PUBLIC HALL**

**(a) Purchase of Canvas Pictures**

It was **AGREED** unanimously to purchase pictures of Beaminster for the Cowey room and main Town Council office, at a cost of £288.50.

**510 FURLAND ALLOTMENTS**

No issues raised.

**511 PUBLIC TOILETS**

**(a) Public Toilet Key Agreement with the Cricket Club**

An agreement with the Cricket Club, to allow them a key for use during youth sessions, has been drawn up and will be signed by both Cricket Club members and the Town Council.

**NOTED.**

**512 THE SQUARE**

**(a) Bunting**

It was **NOTED** that the bunting will be going up in the square on 20<sup>th</sup> May.

**513 GENERAL**

No issues raised.

**514 PUBLIC BODIES (Admission to meeting) ACT 1960**

To **RESOLVE** that public and press be excluded from the meeting whilst discussion takes place on the following item on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of business to be transacted in respect of consideration of quotations received, staffing and financial matters.

**(a) Window beading**

Members **RESOLVED** acceptance of the quotation in the sum of £285, to replace beading around the windows on the south elevation at the Public Hall.

**(b) Ceiling Repair**

Members **RESOLVED** acceptance of the quotation in the sum of £485 for repairs to the ceiling between the Community Fridge and Skyrm room.

**(c) Exterior Lights of Pavilion**

Members **RESOLVED** acceptance of the quotation in the sum of £242 to remove the rear non-functional external light fittings and to replace the external lighting to the front of the Pavilion. It was **AGREED** not to accept the quote for replacement of internal lights.

**(d) Pavilion Wi-Fi**

Members **AGREED** to not accept the quote for Wi-Fi and for the Town Clerk to research alternatives.

**(e) Christmas Lights**

Members **RESOLVED** acceptance of the quotation in the sum of £3971.07 for the purchase of Christmas lights.

**515 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Members **NOTED** the date of the next meeting as Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2026.

**516 MEETING**

The meeting which started at 7.00pm closed at 8.05pm

Chairman  
14<sup>th</sup> July 2026