

DURRINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

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MEETING OF THE FACILITIES AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE 21st OCTOBER 2025 AT 6PM IN THE **ROBINSON ROOM, VILLAGE HALL.**

Present

Cllr J Todd – Chairman

Cllr S Paines Cllr K Johnson Cllr G Eydmann **Cllr A Stafford Cllr C Butler Cllr S Botham**

Clerk - J Tudor

Deputy Clerk - A Budge

Public participation – No members of the public were in attendance.

Minute No. **Committee Minute and Action**

FAC 50.25 **Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Lock and Cllr Wright.

FAC 51.25 Declarations of interest.

There were no declarations of interest.

FAC 52.25 Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of the 30th September were approved.

FAC 53.25 Matters arising from the previous minutes.

The time of the meeting was queried and discussed and it was decided that

future meetings would be held at 6.30pm.

FAC 54.25 Amenity area update and review of current projects

> The Clerk gave a brief update of the facilities and next year's budget as it currently stands. Cllr Butler proposed an amount to be put in the budget annually of £4,000 for SIDs and that the Clerk put this matter to Finance and

HR committee at its next meeting.

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FAC 55.25 Pump track.

The Chairman asked the committee how to progress the pump track project. The Clerk presented a SMART plan, a procurement strategy, and a draft tender, explaining that the council must use Contracts Finder for the tender process.

The committee requested that the removal of the skatepark be included in the tender. The Clerk suggested using the Annual Parish Meeting in March for public engagement on the project.

Cllr Eydmann noted that a company he had been talking to could advise on the tender document. Cllr Stafford stated that the surface should be asphalt and that the tender should exclude pricing. A Public Works Loan application must be submitted to WALC. Accessibility, including wheelchair access where possible, was highlighted as essential. Planting to blend the area was discussed. Plans include removing the skatepark and extending the pump track to the Fishing Gate, with potential adjustments to the football pitch.

FAC 56.25 Container Storage at the Village Hall.

The committee discussed installing a 16-foot container in the small courtyard behind the hall.

Although a 16-foot container may be more expensive, it could include double-glazed doors, power, and insulation, estimated at around £5,000. The ground needs clearing, as there are four layers of surface above the flagstones, and a crane will be required for placement. Once cleared, measurements will be taken for a more precise cost. The committee could plan to clear the area early next year.

In principle, the committee supports the container but wants the ground cleared first. Anti-vandal spikes may be required. The Clerk will cost the project and organise the area for clearance, potentially with a working party. The council needs additional storage, and the Clerk suggested exploring charging for storage.

FAC 57.25 Quotes.

The committee considered lighting quotes for the Recreation Ground and alterations to the Pavilion changing rooms.

The committee recommends Quote 2 for the Pavilion work to Full Council. Regarding lighting, the committee would like wired-in lights for the Recreation Ground. As this is an out-of-budget request, it will be referred to the Finance and HR Committee to request funding from general reserves. The Clerk will prepare a budget request form.

FAC 58.25 Container Location.

The committee reviewed the contents of the containers at the Recreation Ground.

- The 90 chairs in the top container could be hired out and advertised.
- Items in the top container include fencing, posts, poles, and cones.
- Paperwork in the bottom container must be reviewed as part of the GDPR exercise and document retention process.

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The committee considered relocating the bottom container closer to the top container and using the space between to build a compound for football teams wheeled goal posts. Both containers need to be assessed and cleared. The Clerk and Deputy Clerk will review the files, and a working party will handle the remaining contents.

FAC 59.25	Skatepark
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Discussed following FAC 55.25 at the Chairman's request. The committee decided to defer further action until after the outcome of the annual play inspection later in the year.

FAC 60.25 Date of next meeting – 6.30 pm 18th November 2025 Robinson Room.

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