



DURRINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

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**MEETING OF THE FACILITIES AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE 8th JULY 2026 6:30pm The Robinson
Room, Village Hall, High Street, Durrington SP4 8AD.**

Present

Cllr J Todd – Chairman

Cllr A Hatt

Cllr K Johnson

Cllr A Stafford

Cllr R Lock

Cllr G Eydmann

Jo Tudor – Clerk

Minute No.

Committee Minute and Action

Public Participation

There were no members of the public present.

FAC 13.26

Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Paines and Butler

Cllr Botham was not present.

FAC 14.26

Declaration of Interests

No declarations of interest were received.

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FAC 15.26

Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting Held on 19th May 2026

The minutes were approved.

FAC 16.26

Amenity Area Update from the Clerk

The Committee received the Clerk's written report.

The Clerk advised that the contractor undertaking works to the River Park path had experienced delays and additional costs as a result of anti-social behaviour, including theft and the need to rework sections of the path. The Committee considered the contractor's request for compensation and agreed to recommend to Full Council that the matter be considered at its next meeting.

Three councillors agreed to inspect the completed works on Monday prior to the release of the final payment.

The Clerk presented indicative costs for the purchase of an electric van to enable staff to transport heavy equipment around the village, reducing reliance on the use of personal vehicles. The Committee requested that the Clerk prepare a full breakdown of costs, including insurance, charging and ongoing running costs, for consideration during the preparation of the 2027/28 budget.

The Clerk reported that the Electrical Condition Inspection Reports (ECIRs) had been received and identified a small number of remedial works required at both premises. Quotations would be obtained and, where necessary, brought back to the Committee for approval.

The Committee noted that the damaged water pipe within the car park had been replaced and the affected tarmac repaired. Following the recent hot weather and vehicle movements, one repaired section had deteriorated and required further attention. The area has now been repaired again and protected with barriers while it fully cures.

The Clerk advised that quotations were being obtained for refurbishment of the Pavilion toilets and that a report would be circulated to the Committee once received.

The Clerk reported that safety matting at Avon Fields had been removed. A member of the public recovered and returned the matting, and the playground contractor had been instructed to reinstate it as soon as possible.

The Committee approved the Clerk's proposed correspondence to hirers regarding storage arrangements and Portable Appliance Testing (PAT) requirements.

The Clerk advised that the Council's health and safety audit had been completed. Draft risk

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assessments had been prepared together with guidance for staff undertaking work at height and activities adjacent to highways.

FAC 17.26

To Consider ECIR reports

The Committee considered the Electrical Condition Inspection Reports and agreed that the Clerk should arrange for the identified remedial works to be completed to ensure continued compliance with electrical safety regulations.

FAC 18.26

To consider a request for a memorial bench near the river.

The Committee considered a request for the installation of a memorial bench within the River Park.

Members noted that the Council's established practice is to permit memorial benches within the cemetery only and that sufficient seating already exists within the River Park. The Committee suggested that memorial plaques could instead be affixed to existing benches, allowing multiple commemorations without increasing the number of benches.

The Clerk was requested to advise the applicant of the Committee's decision and to prepare a draft memorial bench and plaque policy for future consideration by the Council.

FAC 19.26

To Consider moving a bench on the Recreation Ground

The Committee considered a resident's request to relocate a bench due to anti-social behaviour associated with its current location.

The Committee requested that the Clerk obtain quotations for relocating the bench. The resident would also be advised to report all incidents of anti-social behaviour to the police via 101 and to provide any crime reference numbers to the Council so that any recurring incidents could be monitored.

The Committee agreed to determine whether to proceed with the relocation once the associated costs had been received.

FAC 20.26

Update of Village Hall Sound System.

Cllr Todd updated the Committee on the proposed sound system, including the anticipated costs and the savings that could be achieved if the installation were undertaken by Cllrs Todd and Wright.

The Committee suggested that, following installation, the system should be inspected by the Council's electrician to ensure compliance with insurance requirements.

Cllrs Todd and Wright agreed to inspect the existing system on Sunday before advising the Clerk on

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the equipment required, with the aim of completing the installation before the scheduled redecoration of the Village Hall in August.

FAC 21.25

To consider Quotes

There were no quotes for consideration at this time.

FAC 22.26

To consider the budget and first quarter spends

The Committee reviewed the budget monitoring report and expenditure for the first quarter of the financial year and was satisfied that expenditure remained within the approved budget.

The next meeting will take place on 2nd September at 6.30pm in the Robinson Room.

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