

Facilities Report – September 2026

Completed Since the Last Meeting

- **Village Hall decoration** – The Village Hall has been decorated and the works are complete.
 - **PAT testing** – completed.
 - **Tree works** – Four dead trees have been removed from the Recreation Ground and River Park.
 - **River Park refurbishment** – The River Park path has now been completed.
 - **Courtyard** – The courtyard has been cleared.
 - **Football pitch** – New goal post sockets have been ordered in preparation for the repositioning of the football pitch.
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1. Maintenance and Ongoing Works

Tree Works

Four dead trees were identified at the Recreation Ground and River Park and have now been removed.

Football Pitch Repositioning

New goal post sockets have been ordered in preparation for the agreed repositioning of the football pitch.

The football club was asked to provide photographs and information regarding the compound. No photographs or further information have been received to date.

2. Village Hall

Village Hall Decoration

The Village Hall has now been decorated and the works have been completed.

Water Metre Chamber

The water metre chamber at the Village Hall has been found to be damp.

Wessex Water have been advised and the Council is awaiting their response/investigation.

Courtyard

The courtyard has been cleared and the works are complete.

Village Hall Storage

There has been no further progress from the current storage users regarding the wider review of storage arrangements.

A suggestion has been made to remove all of the tables and chairs currently stored in the Robinson Room cupboard and place them on a small trolley. The trolley would be located near the boiler cupboard, allowing the furniture to remain accessible while freeing up the Robinson Room cupboard.

The Library has agreed to remove a shelf, together with the armchairs and table currently located in the Library area, to assist with improving the available storage space.

Village Hall Storage Container

A quotation has been received for a new storage container for the Village Hall.

Details of the proposed container have been supplied.

3. Pavilion

Pavilion Toilet Refurbishment

Quotations have been received for the proposed refurbishment of the Pavilion toilets.

A quotation report, together with details of the proposed flooring, will be circulated for the Committee's consideration.

The Committee is asked to consider the quotations and determine how it wishes to proceed.

4. Play Areas

Avon Fields Play Area

I am meeting with a playground company to discuss the potential expansion and improvement of the Avon Fields Play Area and possible improvements to Fargo Road. I am still waiting on a response from DIO about the new proposed lease.

The meeting will consider options for increasing the size of the play area and improving the range of equipment available.

A further report will be brought to the Committee following the meeting.

5. Recreation Ground

Football Pitch

New goal post sockets have been ordered to enable the football pitch to be repositioned in accordance with the agreed arrangements.

No further information or photographs have been received from the football club regarding the compound, despite the request for these to be provided.

6. Cemetery

Cemetery Car Park

There has been no further progress or activity regarding the Cemetery car park since the previous report.

The matter remains outstanding.

7. Council Vehicle and Electric Vehicle Charging

There is currently no further update regarding the proposed Council vehicle or electric vehicle charging point.

The matter remains under investigation and a further report will be brought to the Committee when additional information is available.

8. Recreation Ground Toilets

There is currently no further update regarding the investigation into the provision of toilets at the Recreation Ground.

Further information will be provided when available.

9. Health & Safety

PAT Testing

PAT testing has been completed.

Any issues identified through the testing process will be dealt with as necessary.

Electrical Installation Condition Report (ECIR)

The remedial works identified following the ECIR inspection are scheduled to be carried out on **4 September 2026**.

The Committee will be updated following completion of the works.

10. Grounds Maintenance Tender

Work is currently ongoing to finalise the Grounds Maintenance tender documentation.

The intention is to progress the tender as soon as the documentation is complete and bring the matter forward in accordance with the Council's procurement requirements.

11. Pump Track Project

Work is ongoing in relation to the Pump Track project, including progressing arrangements with the appointed contractor and dealing with matters arising from the project.

A further update will be provided to the Committee as appropriate.

12. Budget and Finance

2027/28 Budget

The Committee is asked to begin considering its requirements for the **2027/28 budget**.

Members should identify any anticipated expenditure, projects, maintenance works, equipment or other financial requirements arising from the Facilities portfolio that should be included in next year's budget.

Any requests for funding should be submitted to the Finance Committee/Responsible Financial Officer for consideration as part of the budget-setting process.

In particular, consideration should be given to any likely expenditure arising from:

- Village Hall and Pavilion maintenance and refurbishment;
- Play area improvements, including the proposed Avon Fields Play Area expansion;
- Recreation Ground facilities, including the proposed toilets;
- Storage requirements and the proposed Village Hall storage container;

- Council vehicle and electric vehicle charging requirements;
- Grounds maintenance;
- Cemetery and other Council facilities; and
- Any other planned capital or revenue expenditure identified by the Committee.

Members are asked to make any budget requests as early as possible so that they can be considered alongside the Council's overall financial position and budget priorities.

13. Matters for Committee Consideration

The Committee is invited to consider the following matters arising from this report:

1. **Football Pitch Repositioning** – To note that new goal post sockets have been ordered in preparation for the repositioning of the football pitch.
2. **Football Club Compound** – To note that no photographs or further information have been received from the football club regarding the compound and determine whether any further action is required.
3. **Village Hall Storage** – To consider the proposal to remove the tables and chairs from the Robinson Room cupboard and place them on a small trolley near the boiler cupboard.
4. **Library Storage** – To note that the Library has agreed to remove a shelf, armchairs and a table to assist with improving the available storage space.
5. **Village Hall Storage Container** – To consider the quotation and specification for the proposed new storage container.
6. **Pavilion Toilet Refurbishment** – To consider the quotations received for the refurbishment of the Pavilion toilets and associated flooring and determine how the Council wishes to proceed.
7. **Avon Fields Play Area** – To note that a meeting is being held with a playground company to discuss the potential expansion and improvement of the play area, with a further report to follow.
8. **Cemetery Car Park** – To note that there has been no further progress regarding the Cemetery car park and consider how to proceed.
9. **Electric Vehicle Charging and Council Vehicle** – To note that there is currently no further update and that investigations remain ongoing.

10. **Recreation Ground Toilets** – To note that investigations remain ongoing and that a further report will be brought forward when additional information is available.
11. **Pump Track Project** – To note the ongoing work associated with the Pump Track project.
12. **Water Heater** – To consider the quote for a new water heater in the Village Hall Kitchen.
13. **2027/28 Budget** – To begin consideration of the Facilities Committee's budget requirements for 2027/28 and identify any requests for funding to be submitted to the Finance Committee/Responsible Financial Officer for consideration as part of the budget-setting process.

An up-to-date project spreadsheet will be circulated to members prior to the meeting.