



DURRINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

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**MEETING OF THE FACILITIES AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE 16th APRIL 2026 6:30pm
IN THE ROBINSON ROOM AT THE VILLAGE HALL.**

Present **Cllr J Todd - Chairman**
 Cllr C Butler
 Cllr A Hatt
 Cllr K Johnson
 Cllr S Botham
 Cllr A Stafford
 Cllr S Paines
 Cllr G Eydmann

 Jo Tudor - Clerk

Public Participation There were no members of the public in attendance

Minute No. **Committee Minute and Action**

FAC 86.25 **Apologies for Absence.**
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr R Lock.

FAC 87.25 **Declaration Of Interests.**
There were no declarations of interest.

FAC 88.25 **Approval Of Minutes.**
The Minutes of the 19th January 2026 were approved.

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FAC 89.25

Amenity Area Update from the Clerk.

The Clerk presented her written report, which had been circulated prior to the meeting.

The committee agreed to visit the cemetery at the next meeting to review the parking issues on site.

The Chairman will obtain costs and a specification for a new sound system, including options for connecting to the projector and allowing hirers to play music from their phones. The current system dates from the mid-1980s. The committee felt that Dad's should be consulted to ensure the new system meets their needs. The Chairman will report back within two months with proposed specifications and costings.

The Clerk will follow up on the updated quotation for the Pavilion toilets.

The committee requested that the Clerk report the recent damage to the riverbank planting to the police.

The committee discussed the potential need to move the football pitch to one side at the end of the current season to accommodate the pump track.

It was agreed to relocate the dog waste bin in the wooded area at River Park to a more open location to help deter anti-social behaviour.

The MUGA surface was discussed, and it was suggested that resurfacing could be considered at the same time as the pump track installation.

The Clerk confirmed that a National Lottery Community Grant of £19,999 has been awarded towards the cost of the pump track.

The committee discussed the cemetery skips and agreed to review waste removal arrangements as a whole to identify a more cost-effective solution.

The Clerk advised that the allotment fence at Avon Fields will require work next year and should be included as a budget consideration for 2027/28.

The cemetery paths will also require refurbishment.

The Clerk is compiling a record of storage currently provided to regular hirers at the Hall and Pavilion. Storage is currently free of charge, but the committee will consider whether this should continue. Storage capacity is limited, and the council hopes this will be improved by installing a new storage container behind the Village Hall. The Clerk will obtain quotes to clear the rear courtyard and install the container.

The Clerk reported that the swan is now nesting at River Park. The committee asked the Clerk to prepare a piece for the *Stonehenge Trader* and *Dispatch* reminding residents to take care near the nesting site and to ensure children respect the wildlife on the river.

FAC 90.25

Budget and Reserves.

The Clerk presented the new budget for the year and outlined the committee's budget lines and available funds.

The committee reviewed the earmarked reserves and agreed to undertake a walk around the village at the next meeting to consider improvements to Avon Fields.

- FAC 91.25** **Budget for 2027/28.**
Members were asked to begin considering potential projects for inclusion in next year's budget.
- FAC 92.25** **To consider and approve quotes.**
The committee considered the quotation to lay a new water pipe under the Village Hall car park and agreed to proceed subject to confirmation that the proposed pipe size is adequate.
The committee approved the quote for the Village Hall decoration.
The committee reviewed the quotation for refurbishing the River Park path and agreed to recommend a preferred quote to Full Council.
The committee considered the new Quote Assessment and Evaluation Framework, intended to support fair and professional evaluation of future quotations, and agreed to present it to Full Council for approval.
- FAC 93.25** **To approve the Facilities decorating schedule.**
The committee reviewed and approved the decorating schedule, noting that staggering works across buildings will allow a consistent annual budget allocation for decoration.
- FAC 94.25** **To approve the grounds maintenance tender.**
The Clerk is preparing the grounds maintenance tender, which will be checked before being advertised on the Contracts Finder website in accordance with Financial Regulations.
- FAC 95.25** **The next meeting will take place on 19th May at 6.30pm, beginning at the cemetery and walking back through the Avon Fields estate.**

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