



DURRINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

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**MEETING OF THE FACILITIES AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE 19th MAY 2026 6:30pm
Durrington Cemetery, Avon Fields Play Park and Council Office.**

Present

Cllr J Todd – Chairman
Cllr A Hatt
Cllr K Johnson
Cllr S Botham – Vice Chairman
Cllr A Stafford
Jo Tudor – Clerk

Public Participation

Cllr Wright attended at the cemetery.

Minute No.

Committee Minute and Action

Public Participation

Cllr Wright discussed the parking issues with the committee and agreed to speak with Wiltshire Highways on the committee’s behalf regarding the proposed parking arrangements, to establish in the first instance whether they are feasible.

FAC 1.26

Cemetery Car Park Inspection

The committee inspected the current and proposed parking arrangements, as well as the cemetery. Members found the cemetery to be extremely well maintained. A small number of graves may require attention, and a further inspection may be appropriate at a later date. Overall, the cemetery is a credit to the council and the grounds staff.

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FAC 2.26

Avon Fields Play Park Inspection

The committee visited the play park and considered ideas for a small extension to include toddler equipment. The Clerk was asked to speak to the playground contractor and bring forward proposals for the committee to consider. Funding for the extension could be met from the relevant earmarked reserve if approved.

FAC 3.26

Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Eydmann and Cllr Lock.

FAC 4.26

Declaration of Interests

No declarations of interest were received.

FAC 5.26

Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting Held on 16th April 2026

The minutes were approved and signed.

FAC 6.26

Amenity Area Update from the Clerk

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

The committee considered the report.

The committee requested that the concrete path at the rear of the pavilion be referred back to the builder due to cracking.

The committee discussed whether the health and safety audit should include hirers' equipment. Having considered the current users, members agreed that all regular hirers should be reminded of their responsibility to ensure that all equipment is PAT tested.

FAC 7.26

To Consider Charging for Storage Space at the Village Hall and Pavilion

The committee considered storage provision at the Village Hall and discussed the possibility of introducing charges for storage used by regular hirers. The Clerk was asked to draft a letter to those organisations currently using storage, asking them to review whether the space they occupy is strictly necessary. The committee will consider introducing a storage fee and may ask hirers to assess the amount of storage they require, potentially by measuring the cubic space they use.

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FAC 8.26

To Consider Charging for Use of the Tennis Courts and How This Might Be Implemented

Following discussion, the committee decided not to introduce a charge for use of the tennis courts at this time.

FAC 9.26

To Consider Whether the Committee Wishes to Pursue Costings for a Council Vehicle and Electric Charger

The committee asked the Clerk to make further enquiries into the costs of providing a council vehicle and a possible electric vehicle charger.

FAC 10.25

To Consider Toilets at the Recreation Ground

The committee considered the need for public toilets at the recreation ground and acknowledged that there is a recognised need for such provision. Members discussed the associated issues of opening, cleaning, cost and vandalism. The council noted that it has no legal duty to provide toilets and that public urination is an offence. The committee considered the option of hiring a toilet and attaching it to the pavilion to prevent it from being moved around the recreation ground, as has happened with benches. The Clerk was asked to investigate the available options and report back. In the meantime, signage should be displayed advising that the nearest public toilets are available at the leisure centre.

FAC 11.25

Update on the Village Hall Sound System

The Chairman had costed all equipment required for the new sound system and had also considered how Dad's would be able to use the system.

The Chairman agreed to confirm that the equipment would fit within the existing space and that it would support Wi-Fi connectivity and the hearing loop. Subject to those points being satisfied, it was agreed that the Chairman would arrange for the council to purchase the equipment and would install it with assistance from Cllr Wright. Other members of the committee may also assist if they wish to do so.

FAC 12.26

The next meeting will take place on 8th July at 6.30pm in the Robinson Room.

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