

**BATHFORD PARISH COUNCIL**  
**AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2025, 2.00pm**  
**Community Rooms**  
**Minutes**

In attendance: John Budd (Chair); Sue Barclay; Katherine Lush, Hillary Carr, Simon Hodgson,  
Jon Cooper (Clerk)

**1. Election of a new Chairperson**

- 1.1. Councillor Simon Hodgson was unanimously elected Chair of the Amenities Cttee.
- 1.2. Councillor John Budd continued to Chair this meeting and will also provide a draft budget.

**2. Minutes of meeting 26<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

- 2.1. Cllr Simon Hodgson to amend/rewrite the Allotment Warden agreement.
- 2.2. Wessex Water to meet Steve Hunt, Cricket Club Groundsman, to get the water cover fixed.
- 2.3. Further quote would be sought in relation to repairing or replacing the defibrillator cabinet.

**3. Allotments**

- 3.1. Plot holders meeting to be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 7pm, in the Village Club, subject to their availability. Otherwise school or rugby club could be used.
- 3.2. Email to be sent to plot holders inviting them and asking them to consider standing to be a warden.
- 3.3. Ask Richard Wickham if he can help with updating Parish Online allotment map.
- 3.4. 25 allotment invoices remain unpaid, non-payment letters to be sent from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November.

**4. Playing Field**

- 4.1. Two quotes had been received for the grass cutting, two further companies had not supplied a quote prior to the meeting despite requests.
- 4.2. Greenways supplied the most competitive quotation and some positive references had been received too. A couple of minor amendments were needed, to include the Old Ford area and to amend the start from April to March.
- 4.3. It was unanimously agreed to accept the Greenways quote, provided that the additions were proportionate.
- 4.4. Greenways to be asked if they can supply benches, as I idVerde do currently.
- 4.5. Cllr Lush asked who cuts the grass area on Garstons. Parish Online suggested that the area on Garstons should be cut by BANES. At present it appears to be cut by volunteers.

**5. Play Area**

- 5.1. Clerk to contact HAGs again about play area repairs. Also to ask consultant, who helped with the play area project, to see if they had further contacts.

## **6. Village Green and other areas**

- 6.1.** Denise Hart, Tree Officer at BANES, to confirm if the suggested location on the Manor Green will be appropriate for the memorial tree. Once confirmed idVerde will be asked to carry out the work.
- 6.2.** Window in the bus shelter has been replaced.
- 6.3.** A Christmas tree had been offered for planting on the Village Green. It was agreed this would become too large for the area and potted ones should be used instead.
- 6.4.** Leaf clearance to be requested from BANES via Fix My Steet.
- 6.5.** A bike shelter has been requested by a local resident. The Clerk will undertake research into demand and potential costs involved and the matter raised in the Bathford Bulletin.
- 6.6.** Respective owners of the lock up (Bathford Hill) and village pump (Pump Square) to be contacted about repairs, possibly with Parish Council support. The Clerk will also investigate possible external heritage grants.

Meeting finished at 3.00pm