

BATHFORD PARISH COUNCIL
AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday 25th September 2025, 4.30pm
Community Rooms
Minutes

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

- 1. Co-option of Councillor Lush**– Councillor Lush formally joined the Amenities Cttee.
- 2. Minutes of meeting 8th September**
 - 2.1.** Minutes from the last meeting were agreed
 - 2.2.** A suitable location on the Manor Green has been agreed for the John Lloyd memorial tree, Clerk to contact BANES to confirm location is acceptable with them.
 - 2.3.** Twinning bench on Manor Green needed repairs.
 - 2.4.** Millenium bench outside shop had now been repaired.
- 3. Allotments**
 - 3.1.** All three Allotment Wardens had resigned. They had issued a termination notice to a plot holder for subletting, this had not been agreed in advance with the Parish Council, who decided that it should constitute a final warning instead. The agreement with the Wardens gives the final decision to the Parish Council.
 - 3.2.** One Warden also expressed concerns that they did not have the time to dedicate to the role.
 - 3.3.** More Allotment Wardens would now be required to help maintain the plots, turn the water on and off amongst other duties. There is a list of duties that Wardens are required to carry out, this can be revised before any new wardens are signed up.
 - 3.4.** The toilets are cleaned by an external contractor and unlikely to be heavily used over the autumn and winter.
 - 3.5.** Grass cutting around the plots is the responsibility of the plot holders, main track can be cut by Parish Council contractor if required.
 - 3.6.** An email statement will be sent out, via Mailchimp, requesting new wardens and setting out the role. With paper copies to those without an email address.
 - 3.7.** Bank statements would be reclaimed from the former Allotment Warden.
 - 3.8.** Plots rents to be raised by £2 for a full plot and £1 for anything smaller. In line with the agreed annual inflationary increase. Plot holders will be given one month to pay before a reminder, followed by a warning that non-payment could result in eviction.
- 4. Playing Field**
 - 4.1.** Replacement stop-cock cover had still not been fitted by Wessex Water, Clerk to contact them again.
 - 4.2.** Grass cutting quotes were still being sought.
 - 4.3.** ID Verde had claimed that they had been invoicing the wrong amount and the Parish Council owed them c.£1200. Invoices would be check against the contract, all invoices had been paid as received.
 - 4.4.** Defibrillator cabinet had still not been repaired, cost of replacement to be investigated.

5. Play Area

5.1. BANES report had been sent to HAGS to quote for the repairs deemed necessary. The quarterly report was required as part of the insurance provision for the play area.

6. Village Green and other areas

6.1. Nothing further to report

Meeting finished at 5.25pm