

**BATHFORD PARISH COUNCIL
AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday 9th June 2025, 4.00pm
Community Rooms
Minutes**

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

1. Election of Chair and designation of Committee members – Councillor John Budd was proposed and seconded, and duly elected Chair of the Amenities Cttee.

2. Minutes of meeting 3rd March 2025 - agreed

3. Allotments –

3.1 - Two potential new Wardens attended, who will hopefully be confirmed in post at the AGM. The financial agreement between the Wardens and the Parish Council was explained, confirming when prior permission was required for spending. It was agreed that the allotments were in a better position, from around four years ago, when the current Wardens took over. Plans were in place to combat any overgrown plots.

3.2 – Current Warden, Colin Symes, has agreed to continue with servicing the machinery. One needed a new carburettor, which would be purchased and fitted

3.3 – Allotment AGM to be held on 21st June, Cllr Hillary Carr to attend from Parish Council

3.4 – Possibility of installing a defibrillator near the allotments to be investigated and agreed by full Parish Council. Grants to be researched by the Clerk.

4. Playing Field – ID Verde contract stated that they would only cut the playing field every two weeks, despite initial tender requesting weekly. This is causing a problem for the cricket club, therefore, Tony Jones to be requested to cut on a fortnightly basis until the end of the growing season.

5. Play Area – Wall alongside the play area has some loose stones, that could become a danger, this wall is owned by the residents in Titan Barrow. Clerk to check which house is responsible for that section and householders to be informed.

6. Village Green and other areas

6.1 – Grass cutting for the village is all OK. Cllr Carr requested ID Verde cut around the corner on A363 at Bathford Hill junction as shown on the ‘cutting map’, to aid driver visibility around the bend.

6.2 - The quote for repair of the noticeboards has increased to £600 per board, a local resident to be invited to do the job before higher quote is accepted. An update on the timescales for the bench delivery would be requested from I D Verde.

6.3 – Follyfest planning is going well, subject to an Events Group meeting the pricing structure may be changing. Cllr Steve Wyatt to allow parking on his land for the vendors.

6.4 – Bus stop window to be replaced with Perspex. There is currently no village handyman to complete such a job. Cas Gillard to be asked. Possibility of employing a handyman to be considered at budget setting time. Also ask Batheaston Parish Council if this could be a shared role across both parishes.

Meeting finished at 5.20pm