

BATHFORD PARISH COUNCIL
AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday 8th September 2025, 7.00pm
Community Rooms
Minutes

In attendance: John Budd (Chair), Sue Barclay, Hillary Carr, Simon Hodgson and Colin Symes (allotment warden)

1. Minutes of meeting 9th June 2025 were approved

2. Allotments

1. Members of the AC recently met with the new allotment wardens and were delighted to see the recent progress that had been made in connection with developments being made. All but 4 or 5 plots are now rented out.
2. Proposal for wardens to take on annual invoicing - this was circulated but before discussing any further we need to get clarification from ALCA as to the legalities of the various proposals. The Clerk will be instructed to forward the proposals to ALCA for their advice. In connection with invoicing there was concern from CS as to the number of reminders that were having to be sent out to some plot holders to get them to pay. It was agreed that one reminder only will be sent after which a termination of tenancy will be implemented if not actioned. This will be added to the tenancy agreement.
3. CS presented proposals to construct a covered shelter on the community plot on the allotments. This will be a timber construction with a tarpaulin covering. Costs were estimated to be around £250, and the proposal was unanimously agreed.

3. Playing Field

1. The playing field was being cut as per contract. A number of companies have been asked for quotes to carry out the grass cutting next year making clear that the cricket pitch needs cutting every week during the season. As yet no replies have been received, and the Clerk will be asked to chase these up. HC said he would chase his Glendale contact.

4. Play Area 1. The weeds around the play area have been cleared.

5. Village Green and other areas

1. It was noted that the 2 benches on the village green have now been replaced, and they look very good. A further 2 benches will now be replaced – one opposite the entrance to Church Street and a second outside the Chapel on the High Street. The bench outside the shop is also in need of repair and quotes will

be sought for this. The Clerk will be asked to contact id verde and they will also be asked to arrange planting of the memorial oak tree on the Manor Green.

2. The bus-stop window should hopefully be replaced in the near future – Clerk to follow this up.
3. HC/SH to pinpoint a site on Manor Green to plant the oak tree in commemoration of John Lloyd.