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Marchwood Parish Council

Minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting of Marchwood Parish Council held in the Pine Room at Marchwood Village Hall on Monday 29 September 2025 at 7.30pm.

Present: Councillors: N Buckett, P Mballa, K Petty, M Saxby, J Case and L Shelley.

In attendance: Angela Woodward, Deputy Parish Clerk/RFO.

Apologies

AC/25/009 – apologies for absence was received from J Leath (work commitments) and D Hindle (annual leave).

Resolved – to accept apologies for absence from J Leath and D Hindle.

Declarations of Interest

AC/25/010 – There were no declaration of interest for this meeting.

Public Participation

AC/25/011 – A resident requested that we replace the vandalised football goals that were located on land know as the ‘Pony Field’ to the rear of St John’s Church.

Minutes:

AC/25/012 - Resolved to accept the minutes of the Amenities meeting held on Monday 9 June 2025 as a true and accurate record and duly signed by the Chairman.

Memorial Plaque

AC/25/013 – the proposal was discussed.

Resolved – to approve a 15cm x 7cm memorial plaque to be fitted to the bench opposite the church. To be fitted by ground staff with the wording being approved by the Amenities Chairman.

Football Goals

AC/25/014 – the proposal was discussed. A resident raised £450 using a GoFundMe page, he was willing to apply for a grassroots grant for the remainder of the cost of purchasing a new set of goals.

Councillors thanked him for all his hard work in raising the funds and stated that we will work together to replace the vandalised football goals and find the ideal place to put them.

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Resolved – Councillors: Shelley, Case and Buckett to form a Task and Finish Group in order to discuss the siting of goal posts further.

Amenities Team Report

AC/25/015 – Members noted the report

Machinery/Vehicles - We have replaced the rotor bearing on one of the ride-on mowers and fitted roll bars and indicator cages to both mowers.

We have ordered the tractor flail and Hunts Farm have collected the sickle bar to sell on our behalf.

Lloyd Recreation Ground – The work identified in the Fire Door Inspection has now been completed.

The solar panels, ASHP and hot water cylinder have now been installed.

We have had our annual inspection for the fire safety equipment, legionnaires and the PAT testing.

The ground staff fitted a protective security fencing around the solar batteries and ASHP. The solar batteries have also been covered to protect them from the sun. A new concrete fire exit path has been laid at the rear of the Pavillion.

The ground staff helped with the preparations for the Marchwood Fete.

A resident had complained that a group of teenagers keep moving the picnic benches next to the scout hut. They gather late at night shouting and playing loud music. We have obliged and moved them away from that area again.

Open Space Maintenance – The ground staff have cleared the soakaway ditch opposite The Roebuck Pub. Hampshire Highways are undertaking works on the road to enable a new 4" pipe to allow for improved drainage of rain water.

Vegetation has been cleared from both sides of Crooked Hays to Evergreen embankment.

Sir Galahad flowerbeds were tidied ready for the VJ Day service.

Staff visited Larkspur/Oak Park to see what will need to be maintained.

Play Parks - The new rubber flooring has been fitted at Admiralty Play Park.

The gym equipment on land behind the village centre is thought to need a lot of repairs, we will await the annual inspection and inform Councillors of the outcome.

Staff Training - The Ground Staff have completed the following training: -

Ride on Mower Training – All ground staff.

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L2 Principles of Safe Handling and Application of Pesticides PA6A – 1 staff member

Councillors wanted it noted that they are very pleased with the work that the ground staff are doing in the village.

Flower Bulbs

AC/25/016 – the proposal was discussed

Resolved – to approve purchasing the bulbs to be planted. The ground to decide which area they plant first. The bulbs for the remaining areas will be purchased from the 2026-2027 budget.

Income and Expenditure.

AC/25/017 – Resolved – to note the income & expenditure with any overspends being explained.

Draft Budget 2026-2027

AC/25/018 – the draft budget was reviewed.

Resolved – to approve the draft budget be recommended to the P&R Committee. The tree budget was to remain the same as 2024/2025.

The meeting closed at 8.53pm. The date of the next meeting 26 January 2026.