

Minutes of a meeting of the AMENITIES COMMITTEE held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Market Square, Crewkerne, following a meeting of the Planning and Highways Committee and the Policy and Resources Committee on Monday 11th May 2026.

PRESENT:

Councillors R. Cosgrove, K. Head (Chair), D. Livesley, P. Maxwell, J. Morris, J. Nathan, C. Rawe, A. Samuel and A. Stuart

In attendance: G. Hughes (Town Clerk) and S. Syeda Bowen (Deputy Clerk) and one member of the public.

In the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair, Councillor Head was elected to chair the meeting.

026 TO NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

25/26

Apologies were received from Cllrs. S. Ashton, M. Best, N. Draycott (personal).

027 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

25/26

Councillor Head declared an interest in the hanging baskets as she is Chair of Crewkerne in Bloom.

028 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

25/26

It was AGREED that the minutes of the meeting of the Amenities Committee held on 12 January 2026 be APPROVED.

029 PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

25/26

One member of the public raised a query relating to the finances of the George Reynolds Centre. The Clerk agreed to investigate the matter and provide a response to the resident in due course.

030 REPORT FROM THE AMENITIES CHAIR

25/26 **To note the updated progress matrix**

- Councillors noted that several items are awaiting additional quotations and requested that these be followed up.
- Councillors asked for the planning application for lighting the Lucombe Oak to be submitted.
- It was reported that a highways sign at Broadshard requires reinstatement.
- Councillor Nathan raised concern that some ash dieback works may not have been fully completed, as several trees remain marked.
- At Bincombe Beeches, it was noted that a Rotarian bench is in need of repair.
- The Clerk was requested to arrange a meeting of the Bincombe Beeches Working Group.
- Councillors requested the installation of an additional "No Dogs" sign at the top of the steps leading to Barn Street.

031 MATTERS OF REPORT

25/26

Councillors discussed the following points: the need to monitor for a planning application relating to the recent proposal for a sauna at Henhayes; and a request from some Councillors to review the Council's glyphosate policy, as it was felt that the current approach is not aesthetically acceptable.

032 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

25/26

Monday 13 July 2026 following the Planning & Highways Committee meeting in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Market Square.

The meeting closed at 19.38

Signed:

Dated:

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