

**Minutes of the Recreation & Amenities Committee meeting
held on Thursday, 10 September 2026 at 19:30
at Kings Worthy Community Centre, Fraser Road**

Attendees

Councillors L. Ainscough, E. Fish, M. Hallisey, D. Lawlor, C. Smith & M. Sullivan

Clerk(s)

Christopher Read

Apologies

None.

Members of the public

None.

RA/26/098 – Public Question Time [Please note that this is the only time that the public are able to speak and is limited to 5 minutes per subject]

None.

RA/26/099 – To agree and sign the Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 09 July 2026

The minutes were unanimously agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.

RA/26/100 – Matters arising from the meeting held on Thursday, 09 July 2026

None.

RA/26/101 – To discuss items related to the Parish Council's Open Spaces -

Eversley Park

- Memorial bench – update – The Deputy Clerk noted that the location had been agreed and the bench had been ordered.
- Playground repairs following inspection report (including Fraser Road and Church Green play areas) – quotation received – The Deputy Clerk summarised the quotations received for the minor works highlighted in the inspection reports.

Action - Due to the costs involved, it was agreed for the full quotations to be circulated and an additional two quotations are to be requested.

Action – Request M.R.S. Services to inspect the equipment and provide photos. Additional professional inspection to be carried out if necessary.

- Discussion of potential replacement equipment/benches – It was unanimously agreed to move this item to this point in the meeting.

Action – It was agreed to undertake a survey of the site with a CAT scanner to locate the services.

Action – It was agreed to obtain a quotation for an accessible picnic bench, see saw and for potential adjustments to the existing tower.

Action – It was also agreed to investigate grant funding and whether the rooks can be legally moved.

- Tree work update – update on status of works – The Deputy Clerk noted that the two trees at Eversley Park have now been removed.
- Storage container progress update – The Deputy Clerk noted that now the two trees above have been removed this project can progress.

Lovedon Fields

- Proposed maintenance for perimeter path –

Action – It was agreed to obtain quotations to repair the path.

- Allotments – Update on waiting list and future plots including fencing costs – It was agreed to write to the outstanding potential plot holder and if no response, move onto the next person on the waiting list.
- Management of the Wildflower Meadow –

Action – It was agreed for Cllr Smith to investigate if the meadow could be left fallow for a year, and what the charge would be for cut and removal by a local farmer for animal food.

Broadview

- Brambles and overgrown vegetation at Lower Broadview –

Action – It was agreed to ask Green Smile for their professional opinion of whether the area poses a fire hazard.

Burial Ground

- Water feature cleaning/adjustment – Defer until the spring.
- Burial Ground working party – It was agreed to investigate setting up a formal group and advertising for volunteers.

Fryers Close Play Area

- Discussion of potential replacement equipment/benches – See above.

Church Green

- Steps –

Action - It was agreed to ask M.R.S. Services to quote to replace the steps at Church Green.

RA/26/102 – To review the task monitoring dashboard

Members reviewed the dashboard and M.R.S. Services are to be asked for an update on outstanding tasks.

RA/26/103 – Request for future ashes to be interred into existing double burial plot

After careful consideration, a vote was held with 4 in favour of the request, and 2 member abstaining.

RA/26/104 – Arrangements for the litter pick on 26 September 2026

Action – It was agreed to order 10 more bag hoops.

RA/26/105 – Plant pot recycling locations

Suggested sites included Eversley Park, Lovedon Lane Burial Ground and Kings Worthy Community Centre.

RA/26/106 – Bus shelter improvement grant

It was agreed to apply for all Parish Council shelters within the parish to be refurbished, including accessible seating and live display boards (if possible).

RA/26/107 – Request for skate park/BMX track within the Parish

It was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.

RA/26/108 – Planning advice for future allotment site

It was unanimously agreed to submit a pre-application for the alternate site.

RA/26/109 – Clerk's Notices

None.

RA/26/110 – Chairman's Notices

Cllr Fish noted the final Junction 9 closure this weekend.

Cllr Fish also noted an overgrown hedge encroaching onto the pavement in Springvale Road.

RA/26/111 – Items for discussion at the next meeting – 08 October 2026

- Quotations for soakaway clearance at Eversley Park and Lovedon Lane Burial Ground
- Quotations for crown lift of trees at Lovedon Lane Burial Ground
- Steps and fence at Lower Broadview – to approve final specification
- Hinton Fields footpath resurfacing – to approve final specification
- Potential skate park
- Drug problem in Springvale including policing
- Water fountain options for Eversley Park

Meeting Closed at 21:25

Signed:

Date: