

**Minutes of the Recreation & Amenities Committee meeting  
held on Thursday, 11 June 2026 at 19:30  
held in Kings Worthy Community Centre, Fraser Road**

**Attendees**

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

**Clerk(s)**

Lyndsey White (Deputy Clerk)

**Apologies**

None.

**Members of the public**

None.

**RA/26/067 – Election of Chair**

Cllr Fish self-nominated and was seconded by Cllr Smith. A vote was held by show of hands, with all in favour. Cllr Fish was elected as Chairperson of the Recreation & Amenities Committee.

**RA/26/068 – Election of Vice-Chair**

Cllr Hallisey self-nominated and was seconded by Cllr Fish. A vote was held by show of hands, with all in favour. Cllr Hallisey was elected as Vice-Chairperson of the Recreation & Amenities Committee

**RA/26/069 – 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/26/070 – To agree and sign the Minutes of the Meeting held on 09 April 2026**

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

**RA/26/071 – Matters arising from the meeting held on 12 March 2026**

None.

**RA/26/072 – Lovedon Fields site**

- **Grant for an interpretation board explaining the biodiversity of the**

**meadow** – It was agreed to look at other potential grants as the original is no longer available.

- **Allotments update including update on water supply** – The Deputy Clerk gave an update on the position of the vacant plots. It was noted that the water meter had now been installed by Southern Water.

#### **RA/26/073 – Tree works/general maintenance**

- **Parish Council tree inspection updates (including trees adjacent to Eversley Park play area & Legion Lane) including quotations for recommended works** – It was noted that a tree in Eversley Park has a low hanging branch that may cause an obstruction to the footpath.

**Action: Clerk(s) to check with grounds maintenance team if they can undertake the work.**

- **Update on Fryers Close play area consultation** – The Deputy Clerk gave a presentation with provisional costs of play equipment. It was agreed that a plan should be drawn to show the extent of the tree canopies before any decision could be made regarding the location or size of equipment.

**Action – Cllr Smith to draw up scale plan showing tree canopies.**

- **Actions from play area annual inspections** – It was noted that the basket swing at Eversley Park has had to be removed for safety reasons, due to a failure of the hanging mechanism.

**Action – Clerk(s) to contact installation company to request repair to be carried out under warranty.**

#### **RA/26/074 – Review of Grounds Maintenance Contract**

It was noted that the contract is due for renewal in September 2026. It was agreed for a working group to be set up to manage this.

#### **RA/26/075 – Hampshire Forest Partnership ‘expression of interest’ for tree planting grants**

Cllr Smith noted that an expression of interest has been lodged for Eversley Park, Upper Broadview and Lovedon Fields.

#### **RA/26/076 – Lovedon Lane Burial Ground**

- **Potential Lovedon Lane Burial Ground working group** – It was suggested that a ‘Friends Group’ could be formed, allowing parishioners to come and help at organised sessions.

Thanks were given to the Parish Council Chairman (Cllr Cossburn) for all his hard work at the Burial Ground recently.

- **To discuss the options for cleaning of water feature and replacement**

**power system** – A discussion took place regarding the best way to have the water feature cleaned without damage. It was agreed unanimously that a specialised contractor should be used for this work. It was noted that the battery from the solar power unit was missing.

**Action – Clerk(s) to obtain quotations for the cleaning of the water feature along with a new battery for the solar power unit.**

- **Update on replacement notice board** – The Deputy Clerk noted that the new notice board had now arrived and a quotation for the installation had been received from MRS Services at a cost of £352.50, which was unanimously agreed.

#### **RA/26/077– Lengthsman list of works – potential additional works**

It was agreed to add the footpath from Churchill Close to North Road onto the schedule of works.

#### **RA/26/078 – Request to hold Fete at Eversley Park on 01 August 2026**

The Fete is being organised by The Worthies Sport and Social Club with proceeds going to charity. This was unanimously agreed subject to the current terms and conditions being observed.

#### **RA/26/079 – Request for Year 6 Leavers Party at Eversley Park on Wednesday 22 July 2026**

The request for the Year 6 Leavers party was unanimously agreed subject to current terms and conditions being observed.

#### **RA/26/080 – Memorial bench at Eversley Park – to agree costs**

A quotation to install a memorial bench at Eversley Park has been received from MRS Services at a cost of £833. This was unanimously agreed by members.

#### **RA/26/081 – Items for inclusion in Council communications**

Any items to be included in the next full newsletter to be sent to the Deputy Clerk as soon as possible.

#### **RA/26/082 – Clerk’s Notices**

It was noted that the soakaway/drain was blocked at Eversley Park and overflowing into the car park. A quote has been obtained and will be discussed at the next Finance and Remuneration Committee meeting.

#### **RA/26/083 – Chairman’s Notices**

None.

**RA/26/084 - Items for discussion at the next meeting - 11 June 2027**

- Litter Pick
- Bus shelter cleaning

**Meeting Closed at 21:01**

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**Signed:**

**Date:**