



The minutes of the **AMENITIES COMMITTEE** held on
Monday 9th March 2026.

At The Willingdon Community Hub Library, Coppice Avenue, Willingdon at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs Christine Payne MBE (Chair), Howard Coote (HC), Dionne Daniel (DD),
Ian Nisbet (IN), Fran Pritchett (FP), John Pritchett BEM (JP), Sally Morris (SM), Ryan Weedon (RW).

In Attendance: Nicola Williamson – Assistant Parish Clerk (NW), 1 x Member of Public and Cllr Ben Clennell.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Action By</u>
A26/01	<u>Apologies, Councillors not present and notification of substitutes</u> There were apologies from Cllr Helen Coote who was unwell. Cllr Fran Pritchett substituted. RESOLVED: These apologies were NOTED and ACCEPTED .	
A26/02	<u>To sign the minutes of the meeting held on 24th November 2025</u> RESOLVED: To accept the minutes of the meeting held on 24 th November 2025 as a true and accurate record and were signed by Chair Christine Payne MBE.	
A26/03	<u>Declarations of interest</u> There were no declarations of interests.	
A26/04	<u>Public Question Time</u> – to deal with any questions received from members of the public relating to items on this agenda. There was one Members of public present. Cllr Payne asked Member of Public if he had any questions or wanted to speak.	
A26/05	<u>Speed check Survey C40 Jevington and Filching</u> <i>*Standings Orders was suspended at 7.32pm*</i> The Member of Public had previously circulated a letter to the Members asking for support regarding speed check survey on the C40 through Jevington and Filching. Speeding on the C40 is a real safety concern for the community and has been for years. Numerous letters have been sent to ESCC Highways requesting that a traffic calming survey should be carried out, ESCC have said that they will not do this. ESCC referenced three data sources when responding to local concerns, a speed check in 2021, the number of people killed or seriously injured on the road, and police operation crackdown. In 2021 a survey was carried out during covid times and traffic was not as busy as it usually is now. The resident asked the PC for help and funding for a speed survey to be conducted.	NW

	Members are keen to help and NW to contact the Transport Monitoring Team for costings. Members asked NW to check with the CIL Monitoring Officer to see if CIL money can be used to fund this. Members thanked the resident to attending and all the information supplied. <i>*Standing Orders were re-stated at 7.45pm*</i> NW to provide a report to F & GP.	NW
A26/06	<u>To consider the Assistant Clerk's report</u> The Clerk's report which had been circulated with the agenda was <u>NOTED</u>. i) Maintenance Person works Nothing to report currently, although there has been some graffiti on the underpass which Dave Miles has dealt with. ii) Repairs to the bridge at the Triangle The ESCC Asset and Licensing Team are in the process of preparing a draft license for the PC. iii) Turning strip of land at Willingdon Windmill/25 Park Croft The Manager at the housing Department is trying to find an update on this matter from the estates Manager & Legal Department but they are short staffed at the moment. iv) 125 Eastbourne Road The owner of this property has asked for an easement order as they have got planning permission for a separate dwelling. The easement does not give permission of any widening of the entrance to the property or parking on Foulride Green. NW to contact the PC solicitor to draw up an easement order that includes no parking on Foulride Green and no widening of the entrance to the property. Members expressed their safety concerns for school children using the public pathway next to the property if there is going to more movement of vehicles in and out of the property.	NW
A26/07	<u>Temporary Road Safety Posters</u> Temporary Road Safety Poster have been supplied to the office. Members discussed areas for the posters to placed and AGREED the following areas to put the signs up for a maximum of three months: Slow Down – Meadowburne – St Martins Road, Play Parks and Green Lane Village Hall. Speed Kills Seven Sisters Road, Huggett's Lane Recreation Ground. Children Slow Down – Coppice Avenue, Tott Yew, Schools and Farmlands Way.	NW
A26/08	<u>Meadowburne Bins</u> NW had previously circulated a report and ideas for the bins to be placed at the Meadowburne Pavilion and sports ground. RESOLVED: Members unanimously AGREED to place one bin at the Pavilion and two bins at the entrance to the Sports ground. NW to contact WDC and proceed with the order.	NW
A26/09	<u>Library Hub</u> Members NOTED the previously circulated report. i) Any Updates – Nothing to report at this time. ii) Minutes of the last Hub Trust Meeting Minutes were attached for meetings carried out in January and February 2025.	

A26/10	Allotments Update – This week, residents are being informed whether they have successfully obtained allotments or not. NW is registered for the Rialtas Allotment course scheduled for Friday. NW gave a brief verbal report about the costs of sheds and the bases for them. NW to visit World of water to get a quote for buying a bulk lot of sheds for the Allotments.	NW
A26/11	Budgetary Controls i) Income and expenditure to date The Assistant Clerk's report was NOTED . Members asked NW why there is an overspend on the code 4037/100 – NW to investigate and let Members know by email.	NW
A26/12	Risk Management – to consider the effects (if any) arising from items on the agenda. Inflationary costs for the next budget.	
A26/13	Urgent Matters – for noting or referral to the next agenda for Full Council or appropriate committee/sub-committee. None	
A26/14	CLOSED SESSION <u>Exclusion of press and public –</u> <u>To resolve that the press and public be excluded from the meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.</u> RESOLVED: Members AGREED to exclude the press and public from the meeting due to the confidential nature of business being transacted. i) To consider the following Tenders/Contracts a) Willingdon and Jevington General Maintenance Contract RESOLVED: It was proposed by Cllr Pritchett and seconded by Cllr Weedon and Members unanimously AGREED to award the works to Red Roses Gardening Services with the figures supplied for the next four years. Cllr Payne expressed her disappointment that the previous Clerk did not come back to the Committee before making a decision (which was contrary to the decision of the Committee at its previous meeting in November) to allow the RPI increase to remain on the annual fee. b) Grass cutting for Highway Grassed Areas 2026 – 2030. RESOLVED: It was proposed by Cllr Morris and seconded by Cllr Nisbet and Members unanimously AGREED to award the works to Milham's Contractor Services with the figures supplied for the next four years.	
A26/15	Date of next meeting - Monday 8th June 2026 at 7.30pm.	

Meeting closed at 8.32 pm.

Signed Committee Chair.....

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