**MINUTES OF MEETING OF AMENITIES COMMITTEE**
**04 August 2025**
**10:00, Woolton Hill Church Hall**

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| **Chairman:** | **Cllr Rand (Chair)** |
| **Present:** | **Cllr Hurst, Cllr Roots, Cllr Cooper** |
| **Clerk:** | **Amy White** |

1. **Welcome and apologies**
   Cllr Blakeway sent his apologies.

2. **Declarations of Interest**
   None.

3. **To Agree Minutes of Previous Meeting**
   The Minutes of the meeting held on 16 June 2025 were agreed and signed by the Chairman, Cllr Rand.

4. **To update on actions from previous meeting**
   No specific actions.

5. **Drone Footage**
   The Clerk introduced a potential project idea for drone footage of the parish areas (e.g. footpaths, church, ancient woodland). It was agreed to pursue the costs, licences required etc before deciding whether to take the idea to full council in September (linking with the full council minutes from July 28 on improving the council image).

6. **Footpaths**
   No update on footpaths.
   **Action**: Cllr Blakeway to follow up with Susan Simmonds from Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust who has contacted EWPC on grants available.

7. **Recreation Grounds**
   There is a large hole by the sports equipment in the WH recreation ground, where the information board used to stand.
   **Action**: Clerk to ask Kevin Tooze of Town and Country Fencing to fill in the hole in the WH rec area with soil.
   Broken fencing: One of the gate posts in the car park is cracked. The Clerk has received a quote of £35 for the replacement length of wood from Town and Country Fencing.
   **Action**: Clerk to accept the quote from Town and Country Fencing to replace the wood on the gate in the WH car park.

8. **Parish Field and biodiversity update**

Drainage: Cllr Rand has been following up with RL Lampards regarding the installation of the drainage. The timing is appropriate as:

- The field has been cut (easier access and no damage to hay)
- Schools are on holiday
- Land is fairly hard for machinery
- Prior to the winter 'wet season'

An on-site follow-up with them is happening on Monday afternoon (04 August) with a short start time to start afterwards.
This has been previously approved at EWPC meeting with funds coming from CIL.

Oak tree: A large branch has fallen into the parish field. The Clerk has contacted Highclere Tree Works who are coming out to assess w/c 11 August, with a view to clearing the wood and assessment of the tree, subject to a satisfactory quote.

Fencing repair at the Dr's surgery: Premier Grounds/Lengthsman have propped up the fence, however some of the posts are rotten. Replacement hedging has been discussed with CPRE, both for the parish field and in Heath End recreation ground. 8m would be required for HE, 70m for the Dr's surgery end. Cllr Roots will lead the project for funding with CPRE initially for the parish field.
It was agreed not to do anything with the fencing in the field until the hedging is confirmed.

Tree staking: This is agreed and the Clerk will confirm with Kevin Tooze on an appropriate date.

Biodiversity triangles: The triangles are looking promising. It was agreed to buy more seed and add to the current triangles each year.
**Action**: Clerk to purchase more wildflower seeds.
**Action**: Cllr Roots/Clerk will contact Rachel Remnant, Winchester-based ecologist to ask whether she might come to the parish field to give some advice.

The field has been cut and baled.

9. **Spectrum**

**Action**: Cllr Rand will write an article on the parish field.

10. **ASB on EWPC property**

None reported.

11. **General Maintenance**

Nothing identified.

12. **Items to take to next meeting:**

Nothing extra identified as yet.

**Next meeting: Tuesday 16th September 2025, 10am.**

**Actions from August meeting**

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