MINUTES OF MEETING OF AMENITIES COMMITTEE
11 November 2025
10:00, Woolton Hill Church Hall

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

1. **Welcome and apologies**
   Cllr Roots and Cllr Blakeway sent their apologies.

2. **Declarations of Interest**
   None.

3. **To Agree Minutes of Previous Meeting**
   The Minutes of the meeting held on 14 October 2025 were agreed, with a minor change (initialled) and signed by the Chairman, Cllr Rand.

4. **To update on actions from previous meeting of 14 October 2025**
   Action: Cllr Rand to contact Andy Midwinter regarding his drone for possible collaboration- Actioned, Andy is keen to engage with the council and share his footage. The Clerk has a copy of his insurance and licence details.
   Action: Clerk to ask Scofell whether they can do leaf blowing as part of the ongoing contract- Actioned- Scofell will charge £35 per visit; this has now been added to the Annual Maintenance Agreement for 4 x a year November- January.
   Action: Clerk to buy some warning tape for the broken boards whilst we are waiting for repair- Actioned and some will be delivered to Shaun Early.
   Action: Clerk to request a quote from Kevin Tooze and Dick Randall Services for minor repairs in WH recreation ground and playground- Actioned, some repairs have been completed in both recreation grounds (no response yet from Dick Randall Services).
   Action: Clerk to request a quote from Kevin Tooze and Premier Grounds for the removal of the trim trail equipment in Heath End- Actioned but waiting for quote.
   Action: Clerk to write back to the parishioner that a survey has been completed and some work has been advised- Actioned.
   Action: Clerk to request quote from Greentips for tree work identified in Brownies Corner- Actioned, quote received- see item 8 below.
   Action: Cllr Rand to lead strimming, raking and seed sowing in the parish field on 21 October- Actioned, more seeds have been sown along the field pipeline areas.
   Action: Cllr Rand to write an article on both play areas, life span of equipment, BDBC inspections and the need for ongoing maintenance- Actioned.

Action: The Clerk to request a quote from Kevin Tooze to complete repairs to East End triangle (prior to Remembrance service)- Actioned and completed in a set of works which included play area repairs (see action above).

5. **Drone Footage**

There is an opportunity to work with Andy Midwinter on future drone footage for the parish. Cllr Rand will keep in contact and update the committee as necessary.

6. **Footpaths**

A comment had been received that the stile on path 7b/1 might not be wide enough. The committee agreed that the stile did not require any action.

The Lengthsman will come and repair the broken boards on the boardwalk on 14 November.

Cllr Blakeway is keen to improve the boardwalk from Fullers Lane to Heath End (path 7b)- this will be added to the project ideas for the December full council meeting.

7. **Recreation Grounds**

Kevin Tooze has completed small repairs. Other repairs will require Dick Randall Services.

Trim trail: this is going to be removed; Clerk is awaiting quotes for removal.

An offer has been received for a climbing frame from the junior school. It was agreed that it would be unwise to accept a second-hand piece of equipment that would require installation, inspection, and upkeep.

Action: Cllr Hurst to write back to the school to thank them for the offer of the equipment. But that EWPC will decline.

Action: Clerk to follow up on trim trail removal quotes.

Action: Clerk to follow up with Dick Randall Services for playground repairs.

Heath End: Cllr Hurst has consulted members of the community at various events; Headline results: the trim trail is underused; the installation of picnic benches was highly supported.

Action: Cllr Hurst to write up the consultation regarding the HE recreation ground.

Cllr Hurst will continue to liaise with the scouts to consider how this area can be used appropriately, which will inform the project.

Legal matters

Cllr Donoghue is working on voluntary first registration for both Heath End and Woolton Hill recreation grounds.

Action: Cllrs Rand and Hurst will walk both HE and WH grounds to confirm boundaries as part of the voluntary registration process.

8. **Parish Field and biodiversity update**

The Clerk has received a quote for £500 from Greentips to reduce the ash and hazel trees at Brownies Corner. It was agreed that this was acceptable and to proceed.

Action: Clerk to accept quote from Greentips for tree work at Brownies Corner.

Hampshire Hedging Partnership

Elm trees: Cllr Rand has received an offer for disease-resistant elm trees, which are an endangered species but are effective in attracting biodiversity. This was also briefly discussed at the full council meeting on 10 November 2025. The council has responded positively, particularly regarding the trees' ability to absorb some of the excess water in the field. The height of the trees should be carefully considered. Advice on spacing and other details would be needed, as the view from the field is protected under the East Woodhay Neighbourhood Plan. The committee agreed that planting a line of trees along the field path was not suitable, but a group of trees, potentially alongside the two oaks on the Church Road side, would work well, aligning with the biodiversity focus.
Action: Cllr Rand to reply positively to the offer of the elm trees.

Hedging- the Hampshire Hedging Partnership is also offering hedging. Cllr Rand has already applied for hedging to improve the line along the doctor's surgery end. The committee agreed that, in line with the 10 November 2025 full council meeting, planting could be carried out along the BT building boundary. Cllr Titcomb is taking this forward.

Rachel Remnant: Cllr Rand had a 30-minute online discussion with Rachel about the parish field and biodiversity enhancement, during which she suggested treading on green hay (not from the area) and introducing sheep for a short period. Cllr Rand thanked Rachel for her advice.

9. Spectrum

Action: Cllr Rand to write an article on our Annual Maintenance Agreement with Scofell (Deadline 07 December for January edition).
Action: Clerk to add all Spectrum articles for 2025 onto the EWPC website.

10. ASB on EWPC property

None reported.

11. General Maintenance

Nothing else reported.

12. Items to take to next meeting:

Usual items. Committee budget for 26/27.

Next meeting: Monday 05 January 2026, 10am.

Actions from November meeting

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