



**Minutes of the Meeting of the Property Committee
at the Billingshurst Centre
Wednesday 20 May 2025 at 7pm**

Present

Cllrs Craig Gale (Chairman), Paul Berry, Phillip Day, Sandy Duck, Craig Jones and Steve Thomas.

In Attendance

G Burt, Clerk to the Council

24/25 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman

- a. Advised that the meeting was being streamed to the internet.
- b. Asked Members to raise their hands if they wished to speak and speak clearly.
- c. Mobile 'phones should either be switched off or silenced.

25/25 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Edna Benger and Doug Waller for approved reasons. On the proposal of Cllr Craig Gale, seconded by Cllr Craig Jones **RESOLVED** that the apologies and reasons given be accepted.

No apologies received: Cllr David Hingamp

26/25 Declarations of Interest and Notification of Changes to Members' Interests

None.

27/25 Minutes

On the proposal of Cllr Craig Gale seconded by Cllr Steve Thomas **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 19 March 2025, previously circulated, be accepted and signed as a true record by the Chairman of the meeting.

28/25 Clerk's Report

None.

29/25 Public Session

None

30/25 To consider final phase of bollard replacement scheme at Adversane Green

A resident had enquired when the final phase of bollard replacement around Adversane Green would take place. On the proposal of Cllr Phillip Day seconded by Cllr Sandy Duck, **RECOMMEND** to the F&GP Committee that £7,053.04 be allocated from CIL or other funds to enable the project to be completed.

31/25 To consider request for landlord's consent for replacement fences (to improve security and reduce maintenance) at Dauxwood Pre-School.

Dauxwood Pre-School, had sought landlord's consent to replace existing wooden fencing around their site with metal fencing to reduce maintenance and improve security. On the proposal of Cllr Craig Gale seconded by Cllr Paul Berry, **RESOLVED** that landlord's consent be given accordingly.

32/25 To receive property updates for information only

NOTED. The Committee's usual thanks to Officers for their endeavours were noted. Cllrs praised the work the Environmental Operatives do in keeping the village in good shape. Cllr Phillip Day asked that quotes be sought to replace further fishing pontoons so that budget provision may be made in due course.

33/25 Date of Next Meeting: 9 July 2025**34/25 Exclusion of Press & Public**

On the proposal of Cllr Paul Berry seconded by Cllr Craig Gale, **RESOLVED** that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted (staffing), the press and public be temporarily excluded, and they are instructed to withdraw.

35/25 To note outcome of insurance claim ref. Land at Willow Drive.

The Clerk had circulated a report in advance, setting out the background to an issue regarding trees on Council amenity land off Willow Drive, where it was claimed that two oaks were causing underground damage to the extension on a nearby dwelling. Despite the Council's and insurers best effort to save the trees, the insurer had eventually advised the Council to accept the residents' offer to meet the cost to fell and replace. The Clerk, under his delegated authority had regrettably accepted the advice. **NOTED.** Councillors suggested issuing a statement in advance of the felling, giving a summary of the efforts made by the Council to preserve the trees.

The meeting finished at 7.17pm.

Chairman

Date