



**Minutes of the Meeting of the Property Committee  
at the Billingshurst Centre  
Wednesday 16 July 2025 at 7pm**

**Present**

Cllrs Craig Gale (Chairman), Paul Berry, Phillip Day, David Hingamp, Craig Jones, Steve Thomas and Doug Waller.

**In Attendance**

Richard Plant, Assistant Clerk  
3 Members of the Public

**36/25 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.

**37/25 Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Edna Bengier and Sandy Duck for approved reasons. On the proposal of Cllr Craig Gale, seconded by Cllr Phillip Day **RESOLVED** that the apologies and reasons given be accepted.

**38/25 Declarations of Interest and Notification of Changes to Members' Interests**

None.

**39/25 Minutes**

On the proposal of Cllr Craig Gale seconded by Cllr Doug Waller **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 20 May 2025, previously circulated, be accepted and signed as a true record by the Chairman of the meeting.

**40/25 Clerk's Report**

None.

**41/25 Public Session**

Mrs Susan Towsey spoke in support of her request to acquire all of or a strip of Cranham Avenue play area; she would be happy with just a strip to give her rear access to her garden.

Dr Jack Mulder spoke in favour of maintaining the play area. He commented that he has never seen any signs of vandalism or anti-social behaviour on the site and emphasised the need for open space for children to have somewhere to enjoy.

**42/25 To consider results of the public consultation on the future of the play area at Cranham Avenue**

The Committee noted the report setting out the background information and the results of the recent consultation. Members discussed the options as tabled and on the proposal of Cllr Craig Gale seconded by Cllr Doug Waller, **RESOLVED** to retain the play area and not offer it for sale. It was however decided that access across the site should be made available to no.27 and as such, the office would investigate and report to a future meeting the options available to insert a gate into the rear fence to facilitate access.

**43/25 To receive property updates for information only**

**NOTED.** The Committee's usual thanks to Officers for their endeavours were noted.

**44/25 Date of Next Meeting:**            **8 October 2025**

*The meeting finished at 7.25pm.*

Chairman

Date