



**Minutes of the Meeting of the Property Committee  
at the Billingshurst Centre  
Wednesday 11 February 2026 at 7pm**

**Present**

Cllrs Craig Gale (Chairman), Edna Benger, Paul Berry, Phillip Day, Sandy Duck, David Hingamp, James Marchant and Doug Waller.

**In Attendance**

G C Burt, Clerk to the Council

**01/26 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.

**02/26 Apologies**

An apology for absence was received from Cllr Craig Jones for approved reasons. On the proposal of Cllr Craig Gale, seconded by Cllr James Marchant **RESOLVED** that the apology and reason given be accepted.

**03/26 Declarations of Interest and Notification of Changes to Members' Interests**

None.

**04/26 Minutes**

On the proposal of Cllr Craig Gale seconded by Cllr Sandy Duck **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 10 December 2025, previously circulated, be accepted and signed as a true record by the Chairman of the meeting.

**05/26 Clerk's Report**

None.

**06/26 Public Session**

None

**07/26 To consider request from Billingshurst Sport & Recreation Association (BSRA) for new 30 year lease.**

Last year the Council had agreed to a request from the BSRA to grant a new lease of 25 years, in order to meet the criteria of potential funders of improvements. They had since learnt that 30 years was more desirable. On the proposal of Cllr Paul Berry seconded by Cllr Sandy Duck **RESOLVED** that BSRA be granted a new lease of 30 years accordingly.

**08/26 To consider replacement of further fishing pontoons at Jubilee Fields.**

The Committee had previously supported the replacement of several wooden fishing pontoons at Jubilee Fields which had reached the end of their life. A further 6 now required replacement. Despite efforts to seek more than one tender in the past, only one local company was able to do this fairly specialised work.

- a. On the proposal of Cllr Doug Waller seconded by Cllr Phillip Day **RESOLVED** to support the suspension of the relevant Financial Regulation (to seek more than one tender/quote given the specialised nature of the work.)
- b. Approve the works by Playground Services in the sum of £12,900, being undertaken with funds from Earmarked Reserves accordingly.

#### **09/26 To consider future of Trim Trail at Jubilee Fields**

Members considered a report advising that although several of the wooden fitness stations along the trim trail at Jubilee Fields had been replaced in the past, many more were now in need of replacement and a quotation of £18,000 had been received. Officers had wondered if their usage warranted the expenditure. A local fitness trainer who runs bootcamps on site commented that the kit is rarely used, summer or winter. Officers suggested that the kit be replaced with outdoor gym equipment which was quite popular. Members supported the suggestion not to replace but wanted more information on the proposed new equipment, including types and location plus views of the public. On the proposal of Cllr Craig Gale seconded by Cllr James Marchant **RESOLVED** not to replace the failing wooden equipment and defer their replacement pending further information and public consultation.

#### **10/26 To receive property updates for information only**

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

**11/26 Date of Next Meeting:            8 April 2026**

*Meeting finished at 7.17pm.*

Chairman

Date