

Minutes of the Meeting of the Amenities Committee held on 9th March 2026

Present Matt Walker, Mark A'Bear and Pat Sutlieff

Apologies

Absent Jane Hartley

- 26/972 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND ANY WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR PECUNIARY INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE ASSISTANT CLERK – None**
- 26/973 OPEN FORUM –** Alan Simpson attended the meeting to get an understanding on the Amenities Committee prior to his upcoming co-option to the Parish Council.
- 26/974 To approve the Minutes of Amenities Meeting held on Monday 9th February 2026 at the Charvil Village Hall –**The minutes were approved by the committee and signed by Councillor Walker (Chair of Council).
- 26/975 To note the Assistant Clerk's Report –** report was noted. The Committee were encouraged to hear that the stream at East Park Farm will be dredged in the new financial year, but were keen to confirm an exact date. It was requested that Countryside Services are contacted in April to follow up and if possible confirm a date ideally before the start of the cricket season. If no date is offered investigate the possibility and cost for the Parish Council to undertake the work.
- 26/976 Review the Usage Reports for the Facilities.**
The report shows a positive growth in all facilities over the years. The committee asked for the charts and graphs to reduce to five years' worth of data. Cllr A'Bear offered to produce a graph detailing the years. Further to the requests for the football ground next season the Asst Clerk asked if the Parish Council would prefer two teams to be based at East Park Farm on a Saturday morning or for both pitches to be allocated to one team. The committee would prefer two teams if possible as it poses a lesser risk.
- 26/977 Consider Park Inspection Weekly Reports**
These have been received, it was reported that there is a small burn hole in the back Perspex in one of the bus shelters.
Cllr Walker asked if it was possible for the bench on the opposite side of the road to Park View Drive South be varnished and Cllr Sutlieff enquired if it was possible for the Perspex in the shelters themselves to be cleaned – Assistant Clerk to follow up both requests.

Other items for consideration

26/978 To hear feedback on the newly installed playground at East Park Farm.

Cllr Sutlieff shared the very positive comments that had been received from a social media post from local residents. It was noted that there had been a request for an additional bin on the social media post and also a request in person. There was also a suggestion regarding the installation of picnic benches near to the park. These items are to be added to the Strategic Plan as possibilities for the future.

26/979 To consider the potential barrier for use at East Park Farm and decide the course of action

The committee reviewed the details provided for a potential barrier (these had already been shared with the cricket club who were happy with the proposed solution) and would be happy to proceed. Assistant Clerk to check with the Clerk to the Council regarding possible funds and when they can be purchased. The Asst. Clerk is also to contact the cricket club and ask if they would be willing to contribute by installing the holes in the ground and pipes for the poles to be inserted into. In addition, it may be worth considering recouping the cost of the nets by building into a future year's cricket strip hire costs.

26/980 To discuss the content for the Spring edition of the Parish Magazine.

The Assistant Clerk reported which articles had been received and which were outstanding. Cllr Walker will provide the Chair's foreword and Cllr Sutlieff the article on the new playground at East Park Farm by the deadline. It was confirmed that Cllr Cripps was to provide the PEH article and new Pulse Survey. The committee agreed that the back page of the magazine should be used to advertise the Community Connect Event and that the flyer produced regarding the precept increase be included within the magazine.

26/981 To review the current status of the Amenities areas included within the Strategic Plan.

The committee would like to add the possibility of a picnic bench at East Park Farm near to the playground added along with the possibility of a bin located close by. Cllr Walker to update the spreadsheet and share with the attendees of the Strategic Plan Call scheduled for 10th March 2026.

26/982 To note any agenda items for the next meeting.

Strategic Plan

Marketing plan to boost/maintain facilities usage

FAQ's for prospective nursery providers (Cllr A'Bear to draft a set of questions including details of Ofsted requirements/stipulations).

26/983 To note any items that need to be discussed at full council meeting.

Community Connect –

- Location village hall vs pavilion.
- Attendance restricted to Strategic Plan, Speed watch, flooding, the charity trustees, the neighbourhood team of the Thames Valley Police, the fire brigade, fete committee and to invite a representative of Bellway Homes.
- Advertising – use the back page of the village magazine – same format as last year's design. Ask Media Assistant if he can reproduce an updated flyer.

The meeting closed at 8:45pm