



**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITIES AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING ON
WEDNESDAY 29TH JULY 2026 IN THE PAVILION, THE GORE STARTING AT 7.30pm.**

139.26 **Those Present:** Councillors: Cllr K Lamb, B Swan, J Osbourne, G Clements.
Apologies: None were required.

140.26 **To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI), Other significant Interests (OSI's) or a voluntary interest relating to items on the agenda.**
None were declared.

141.26 **The Gore** – Thank you to the Community Payback Team for their ongoing maintenance work, and to Elham Valley Football Club for their outstanding efforts in and around the containers in preparation for the new season, which begins on 8 August.
One of the containers has now been painted, although additional paint is required to complete the second container. The vandalised door has been repaired free of charge by CM Carpentry, and electrical repairs have also been completed at no cost by Acrise Electrical. The Council would like to express its sincere thanks for this generous support. A number of additional expenditure items were discussed and are subject to ratification by Full Council at its meeting on 3 August. These include:

- Exterior paint (2 cans) – approximately £150
- Interior paint (2 cans) – approximately £150
- Boiler materials – £1,879.95 (labour provided free of charge)
- Lawnmower – £100
- Pavilion repairs – £1,590.

In addition, a second football team has now requested block-booking the pitch for the season at a charge of £70 per match, generating additional income.

142.26 **War Memorial** – Kent County Council (KCC) Highways is responsible for the kerbs, which will need to be adjusted and re-levelled. Cllr Lamb confirmed that KCC has confirmed it has no objection in principle to the proposed kerb and railing works.

Cllr Chapman will consult Folkestone & Hythe District Council (FHDC) Planning to determine whether Listed Building Consent is required for the installation of safety railings. Quotations for the railings will also be obtained from steel fabricators.

- 143.26 Defibrillator** – Parish Council have now taken over the responsibility and maintenance of the defibrillator outside the school gates at a cost of £25 per annum for electricity. Cllrs Swan & Osbourne to produce a full report and defibrillator strategy for September's meeting.
- 144.26 Church Wall** – Following difficulties in obtaining alternative quotations, councillors will consider the quote provided by Chris Ellison of Integral Brickworks for a rolling maintenance programme at the meeting on 3 August. Members will decide whether to proceed with the existing quotation or seek further estimates, noting that repair works to the wall are required.
- 145.26 Burial Ground** - has approximately 34 burial plots remaining. As a result, consideration may need to be given to reclaiming the existing allotment land and reconsecrating it for future burial use. It was noted that the Sir William's Trust constitution includes a requirement to provide land for allotments. Cllr Lamb will investigate the implications and available options.
- 146.26 KGV playpark** - The Council again recognised the excellent work carried out by the Community Payback Team, who have improved the play area by tidying the site and resurfacing the path and picnic area. Play for Elham volunteers have also repainted the picnic tables and benches, while the Parish Council funded the works to the roadside trees which have been cut back to prevent damage to play equipment. As previously discussed, the possibility of creating a perimeter path to provide a safer alternative to walking along the road remains under consideration, and quotations will be sought.
- 147.26 Date of next meeting and Close**
The next Community and Amenities Committee meeting will be scheduled as required. There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20pm.