

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FACILITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON 9th SEPTEMBER 2025
IN THE GARDEN ROOM OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 7.30PM**

PRESENT: Cllrs. Matthews (Chair), Eichner, Gilbert, Jaffay, Rainbow & Summers

APOLOGIES: Cllrs; Cocks, Killick, Scott & Waters

NOT PRESENT:

IN ATTENDANCE: The Clerk, Deputy Clerk, two members of the public

143/25 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The member of the public had attended for item 5.2 on the agenda (Gilham Bank). This was discussed at this point. The tree surgeon would be chased up for a quote and Wealden District Council contacted re TPO's.

144/25 APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllrs. Cocks(work), Killick (ill health), Scott (work) & Waters (ill health)

145/25 RECORDS OF THE MEETING OF THE FACILITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON 22nd JULY 2025

Cllr Eichner proposed that the minutes of the meeting of the 22nd July 2025 be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Summers and AGREED.

146/25 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS PERTAINING TO THE ITEMS BELOW

Name	Min. No.	Category of Interest	Reason
Cllr. Jaffay	151/25 7	Personal	Director of We Grow

147/25 REVIEW OF ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETING

1. Grants for Gilham Bank - NOTED
2. Gilham Lane overhanging branch – NOTED
3. Drawings of Community Centre – see quotes section of agenda
4. Drain outlet from public toilets – Contractor to advise on next visit
5. Allotment toilet – Cllr. Rainbow to advise under Allotment report
6. Queens memorial bench – NOTED
7. Map of parish assets – NOTED
8. Fingerpost repairs – NOTED
9. Gleeson land licence – NOTED
10. Newlands Place power supply - NOTED
11. Village entry sign – NOTED
12. Station Road repairs –NOTED
13. Village Club walkway clearance – NOTED

148/25 CLERK'S REPORT ON MATTERS NOT REQUIRING A DECISION

1. Personnel – NOTED
2. Quotes obtained on multiple items – NOTED
3. Cemetery correspondence – NOTED
4. PAYG printer – NOTED
5. The Orchard – NOTED
6. Rush Green flooding – the office was asked to contact East Sussex Highways regarding a grid to be placed at the entrance to the culvert/drain.

149/25 FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THIS COMMITTEE

Noted

150/25 REPORTS FROM RELEVANT SERVICES AND GROUPS.

1. Allotment manager's report – A report had been previously circulated and was NOTED. Cllr. Rainbow would forward information she had gathered regarding composting toilets and also meet with the Allotments Managers report to arrange a survey of the allotment holders.
2. Burial Clerk's report – a report had been previously circulated and was NOTED
3. Community Centre refurbishment group – No report received.
4. Village Green group – a report had been previously circulated and was NOTED
5. The Square by the Cube – Cllr. Gilbert explained that there would be a meeting on 10th September - NOTED
6. Emergency/resilience group – No report received.

151/25 APPROVAL OF QUOTES RECEIVED FOR REQUIRED WORKS

1. Community Centre drawings – Amanda Sinclair was asked to obtain further quotes for a 3D/CAD design
2. Hambro Hall flat roof repairs – the member of public, a representative of On My Side, explained that they wanted a larger rooflight installed in the flat roof area and that they would pay any extra cost. Cllr. Gilbert proposed that the quote obtained for £ 8,200 (plus VAT) be accepted, subject to discussion of new rooflights and siting being discussed at meeting on 10th September. This was seconded by Cllr. Summers and AGREED.
3. Stand-by generator – 2 quotes had been obtained. Other local Councils would be asked if they have generators and their suppliers. Further quotes to be obtained.
4. Repair of existing pathway between Station Road & the VENUe – This was discussed, and it was agreed that the Green working Group would be asked to prioritise a decision regarding the pathway. Cllrs Jaffay and Rainbow to discuss at their next meeting.
5. Skatepark drainage repairs / Groundman's compound drainage – The supplier of the lower quote would be asked to quote for the further length of clearance. After discussion, Cllr. Eichner proposed that Cllrs. Matthews & Waters be deputised to accept a quote up to the higher limit of the obtained quotes. This was seconded by Cllr. Gilbert and AGREED.
6. Cemetery wall – Cllr. Eichner proposed that this line of enquiry be abandoned due to the lack of value of money. This was seconded by Cllr. Jaffay and AGREED.
7. Gleeson land clearance – Cllr. Gilbert proposed that the quote for £ 1985.00 be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr. Eichner and AGREED (Cllr. Jaffay did not vote)
8. Tree survey – Cllr. Gilbert proposed that the quote for a standard survey of £ 1789 be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr. Summers and AGREED.

152/25 PROJECTS/ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION/DECISION

1. Authority to redecorate the Community Centre – Amanda Sinclair would compile a list of priority works for consideration at the next Facilities meeting.
2. Additional CCTV in the Community Centre – Cllr. Matthews proposed that quotes be obtained for the next Facilities meeting. This was seconded by Cllr. Eichner and AGREED with 2 abstentions.
3. Renewable doormats at Community Centre entrance – Cllr. Jaffay proposed that this service be refused. This was seconded by Cllr. Summers and AGREED.
4. Newland Place CCTV – Cllr. Gilbert proposed that this suggestion not be followed up. This was seconded by Cllr. Rainbow and AGREED.
5. Litter & street cleaning – this was discussed. Cllr. Gilbert proposed that a meeting be arranged with District Cllr. Patterson-Vanegas and Chris Bone of Wealden District Council to discuss possible devolution of clearance services. This was seconded by Cllr. Jaffay and AGREED.
6. A Council minibus – After discussion, Cllr. Summers proposed that partnership options and available grants be looked into. This was seconded by Cllr. Gilbert and AGREED.

153/25 ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION BY COMMITTEE OR FULL COUNCIL

Cllr. Jaffay asked if the placing of more planters around the village could be looked into.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

SIGNED.....(Chairman) DATE.....