MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLACE COMMITTEE HELD ON 14TH JULY 2026 IN THE GARDEN ROOM OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 7.30PM

PRESENT:	Cllrs. Matthews (Chair), Eichner, Gilbert, Killick, Lewis, Marshall, Rainbow, Summers & Waters
APOLOGIES:	
NOT PRESENT:	
IN ATTENDANCE:	The Clerk, Deputy Clerk, Cllrs. Jaffay & Williams as members of the public and 3 members of public

77/26 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
A representative of On My Side made representations about the pending rent review. A member of the public asked about the plaque for children's graves that had been offered. The Clerk confirmed that this was being chased up.

78/26 APOLOGIES
None

79/26 RECORDS OF THE MEETINGS OF THE PLACE COMMITTEE HELD ON 2ND AND 9TH JUNE 2026
Cllr. Killick proposed that the above minutes be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr. Lewis and AGREED.

80/26 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS PERTAINING TO THE ITEMS BELOW

Name	Min. No.	Category of Interest	Reason
None			

81/26 REVIEW OF ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETING
This had been previously circulated and was NOTED. Cllr. Eichner reported that he was awaiting costings for consideration regarding the wildflower areas.
Cllr. Eichner confirmed that he had compiled an on line survey regarding new bus shelters. This would be considered later in this meeting.

Cllr. Matthews proposed that item 9.1 on the agenda be discussed at this point in the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr. Killick and AGREED.

82/26 VILLAGE GREEN PROJECT
Cllr. Jaffay and Rainbow had compiled a survey to find out what was wanted on the Green. There was much discussion about this matter. Cllr. Eichner would redesign the poster version of the survey and Cllr. Summers asked that hard copies were available in the office.
Cllr. Lewis proposed that the survey go ahead (with suggested amendments) for a minimum of 4 weeks, but the data could be abstracted at any appropriate time. This was seconded by Cllr. Killick and AGREED with 1 abstention.

83/26 CLERKS REPORT ON MATTERS NOT REQUIRING A DECISION
A report had been previously circulated and was NOTED.
There was animated discussion about the redecoration of the Community Centre. Cllr Marshall said that it might be more economical to purchase the paint separately, but it was pointed out that the agreed contract was for labour and materials.

84/26 FINANCIAL REPORT
This had been previously circulated and was NOTED.

85/26 RELEVANT SERVICES/WORKING GROUPS.

1. Allotment manager's report –A report was circulated and was NOTED.
2. Burial Clerk's report – A report had been previously circulated and was NOTED.
3. The Square Community Hub – No report as no meeting had been held since the last Place Committee meeting.

86/26 VENUE SECURITY ISSUES

Quotes for additional CCTV had been obtained, and these would be taken, along with the specification, to Full Council for decision.

Cllr. Lewis left the meeting at 8.30pm.

87/26 PLAYPARK FENCING

It had been reported that this was beyond any further repair. Quotes to be obtained for wood, metal and composite replacement fencing.

88/26 STREETLIGHT ISSUES

After discussion, Cllr. Gilbert proposed that the next tranche of LED replacement streetlight bulbs should be 14 watts warm (as opposed to 18 watts cool), assuming there was no major cost implication to this. This was seconded by Cllr. Waters and AGREED.
Cllr. Gilbert proposed that a quote be obtained to replace the 18 watts cool bulbs used in the previous tranches with warm 14 watt bulbs. This was seconded by Cllr. Marshall and AGREED.

Cllr. Gilbert to look into arranging a 'Dark Skies' presentation.

89/26 SPEED WARNING SIGNS

After discussion, Cllr. Matthews proposed that the speed sign on Hartfield Road be moved to the opposite side of the road outside the entrance to Emerson College. This was seconded by Cllr. Killick and AGREED.

90/26 BUS SHELTER MATTERS

Cllr. Eichner circulated a survey he had compiled for the website and for attaching to existing bus stops.
Cllr. Killick proposed that the survey be accepted as presented. This was seconded by Cllr. Gilbert and AGREED.
An attempt to revisit the vote was deemed unlawful.

91/26 EV CHARGING POINT

Cllr. Gilbert proposed a final quote for installation and any available income be obtained. This was seconded by Cllr. Waters and AGREED.

92/26 ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION BY COMMITTEE OR FULL COUNCIL

Cllr. Eichner asked that the matter of wildflower meadows be put on a future Place committee agenda.
Cllr. Summers asked that the matter of Parish Council branding be put on a Full Council agenda.
Cllr. Gilbert asked that the repair of the 'village' signpost on the A22 at the bottom of Wall Hill be put on a Place agenda.
Cllr. Rainbow asked that consideration of more seating in the Jubilee Garden be put on a Place agenda.
Cllr. Marshall asked that the matter of the Parish Councils mission statement be included in the branding – take to Full Council

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

SIGNED...(Chairman)   DATE..