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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD IN PAVILION HOUSE ON
MONDAY 9th FEBRUARY 2026 @ 6.00pm.**

Minutes taken by Cllr Mrs Frances Day

Present: The Mayor Cllr Mrs Lynn Simms, Cllr Mrs Frances Day and Cllr Ms Kate Longman.

1} **To receive apologies for absence**

None.

2} **Declarations of interest**

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| (a) Pecuniary: | None. |
| (b) Non pecuniary: | None. |
| (c) Dispensations: | None. |

3} **Public Participation/Questions**

None present.

4} **Minutes of the meeting held on 6th October 2025**

It was proposed by Cllr Simms, seconded by Cllr Longman and RESOLVED that the Minutes of the previous meeting be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

5} **Matters arising from the Minutes not on the Agenda**

There were no matters arising.

6} **To receive the report of the Tree Warden (Cllr Day)**

Cllr Day reported that: Local trees had been badly hit by the recent storms. The ancient conifer along the Parade had suffered significant damage and Cllr Day had contacted Cornwall Council. At the time of writing, the Parade was still closed due to potential danger from falling branches. Hanson Drive and the Fowey Hall Hotel had been hit and several of the aged Monterey Pines had had to be taken down.

7} **Specific areas of responsibility**

The following specific areas of responsibility were reported on as detailed below:

- *Piggy Lane Triangle:* Cllr Longman: See below.
- *Pretty Bus Stop:* Cllr Day: It was looking good.
- *Allotments:* Cllr Day: Nothing to report.
- *Local maintenance partnership (footpaths):* Cllr Simms: Nothing to report at present.
- *Agency agreements, weed killing/grass cutting:* Cllr Simms: All running smoothly.
- *Squires Field green areas:* Cllr Day: Nothing to report.
- *Squires Field Children's playground:* Cllr Longman: See below.

8} **Piggy Lane Triangle**

Cllr Simms had details of a possible gardener, Mark Place, who it was thought would charge £20 per hour to maintain the Piggy Lane Triangle. Cllr Longman would contact him to see if he was prepared to carry out this work, together with risk assessments of the area. It was proposed by Cllr Simms, seconded by Cllr Longman and RESOLVED that he should be asked to devote 1 hour per month between April and October to Piggy Lane. It was thought that some dying Ash trees might need a tree surgeon, and if so, Derek Heyward would be asked to assist.

9} **Squires Field and MUGA**

Work on the MUGA was almost complete except for some line painting to make the area more flexible and able to be used for games other than basketball, eg netball and possibly tennis. Cllr Simms had been in contact with Jasper Flashman to ask him once again to carry this out. Cllr Longman had contacted Andy Inglefield about repairing the storm damage to the fence round the playground. She would also ask him if he had any suggestions to minimise the noise from the MUGA as several complaints had been received from local residents. One solution might be to plant a hedge along the side of the area, perhaps of fast growing trees, eg Leylandii.

10} **Review Budget 2025/2026**

Cllr Simms had been through the expenditure listed in the cashbook, focusing on the items distributed to the Environment Committee budget 2025/2026 and omitting some added payments listed in the cashbook relating to the Environment Committee. Repairs to the fence round the playground would have to come out of the £3,825 remaining from the allocated budget for the rest of the financial year to April, which excludes the fence repairs, and it is likely that we will exceed the budget.

11} **Contract Renewals for 2026/2027**

Discussion took place on the renewals of ongoing contracts for:

- Agency agreement: Lanhydrock Garden Services: grass cutting, weed killing.
- Local Maintenance Partnership: Lanhydrock Garden Services: footpaths.
- Maintenance Schedule: Cormac: grass cutting - Squires Field.
- Waste Management contract: Cormac: Squires Field.

It was proposed by Cllr Day, seconded by Cllr Longman and RESOLVED that all the above contracts should be continued for a further year.

12} **Environmental Growth Plan**

- Cllr Longman offered to seek advice from her contact at the Wildlife Trust on how best to plan for nature recovery in parkland.
- Cllr Simms offered to discuss with Sandra from Cormac.
- Cllr Day would contact Paul Finlay about what trees he might have available for planting in the area, and also whether any might be suitable to provide noise screening for the MUGA.
- Other ideas included planting native trees, shrubs and wildflowers.
- Introducing different heights of mowing, or no mow zones, ground covering shrubs and canopy trees.
- Leaving dead wood and logs for beetles, fungi, mosses and lichens.
- Covering the back of the Community Centre building with attractive vegetation.
- Add bird and bat boxes and bug and bee hotels.
- Encourage community involvement. Use signs to explain what was happening; ask the community to monitor species to measure the success of biodiversity projects.
- Create a volunteer group to help maintain the habitats.

13} **To Receive Reports from Councillors**

There were no reports from members.

14} **Proposed date of next meeting**

It was proposed that the next meeting should be held at the Pavilion on Monday 13th April @ 6.00pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed @ 7.30pm.

