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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD IN PAVILION HOUSE ON TUESDAY 6th OCTOBER 2026 @ 6.00pm.

Minutes taken by Cllr Mrs Frances Day

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

1} To receive apologies for absence

None.

2} Declarations of interest

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

3} Public Participation/Questions

None present.

4} Minutes of the meeting held on 30th June 2026

It was proposed by Cllr Simms, seconded by Cllr Fairweather 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: It was pleasing that Cornwall Council was proposing a Tree Preservation Order on the whole group of Monterery Pine in Place grounds bordering the doctors' surgery carpark. Historically, Cornwall Council had been reluctant to issue TPOs as they did not have time limits.

7} Specific areas of responsibility

The following specific areas of responsibility were reported on as detailed below:
- *Piggy Lane Triangle: Cllr Longman:* This was looking good and gardener Mark Place was working well.
- *Pretty Bus Stop: Cllr Day:* It had been redecorated recently and was up to its usual high standard.
- *Allotments:* See below
- *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 and Squires Field Children's playground:* See below.

8} Squires Field & MUGA

Cllr Longman would seek clarification from Sandra Crawford at Cormac to establish whether the agreement covered litter picking in the playground; the trimming of some trees encroaching into the playground and the tidying of the areas immediately beside the Pavilion, which were currently looking rather neglected.

Investigations had taken place into ways to alleviate the noise nuisance emanating from the MUGA. Acoustic quilting would prove prohibitively expensive and potentially liable to vandalism. A wall or fence might help.

Taking down the basketball nets and replacing them with freestanding ones was thought impractical. Andy Inglefield had been asked to put some extra fixings on the wire fence to stop it vibrating so much. After some discussion, it was agreed that Cllr Day would contact Dave Jenkinson of Cornwall Landscaping to see whether he could plant some leylandii conifers along the side of the MUGA nearest the residential area, and what expense might be involved. This should be more environmentally friendly than a wall or fence and less costly.

Andy Inglefield had reported that the boat in the playground was coming to the end of its life. It was accepted that replacement would be expensive and suggested that provision should be made in next year's budget, as the boat was not yet in urgent need of repair or replacement.

9} **Weed Killing**

It is thought that Cornwall Council will introduce a Service Level Agreement which will give Town and Parish Councils greater choice about how weed prevention is managed in their areas. Cllr Simms had already discussed chemical free weed prevention with Lanhydrock Garden Services and discovered that the costs could be considerable. Options included reducing the areas of weeds to be treated with non toxic substances, or budgeting for increased costs next year.

10} **Allotments**

It was agreed that a skip should be hired to dispose of rubbish at the allotments, provided the cost was reasonable. Subsequently, a quote had been received for £505 plus VAT, which fell within the parameters considered at the meeting.

11} **Review Budget 2026/2027**

Meeting the budget for the year was challenging. £20,187 was the total spend to date. Fencing for the playground had cost £2,947, which had not been included in the estimated costs for the year. Andy Inglefield had estimated £430 for ongoing playground repairs, including the swings and the seesaw. This covered materials of £130 and labour of two men for two days @ £300. It was proposed by Cllr Simms, seconded by Cllr Longman and RESOLVED that the cost of £430 should be authorised.

12} **Environmental Growth Plan**

Cllr Fairweather kindly offered to produce a plan of Squires Field to assist decisions on rewilding. The benches should remain accessible. Wild flowers, including vigorous ones such as yellow rattle, could then be planted and no-mow areas designated. Publicity should be given to actions agreed so that public understanding of aims and objectives could be achieved. Cllr Fairweather hoped to be able to produce a draft plan by the time of the next Environment Committee meeting in mid November.

13} **To Receive Reports from Councillors**

There were none.

14} **Proposed date of next meeting**

It was proposed that the next meeting should be held at the Pavilion on Monday 16th November @ 6.00pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed @ 6.50pm.