

Minutes of the meeting of the **Amenities Committee** held at the **Shire Hall** on **Wednesday 5th November 2025** at **7pm**.

Councillors:

Present: D Adelson, S Miller, E O’Nolan, S Sadler and R Sanders.

Apologies: S Bale, E Beck and M Wilks.

Absent: D Pegg.

In Attendance: Deputy Town Clerk (Mrs Belinda Lloyd) and Cllr. Nigel Phipps.

1. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence were approved for Cllrs. S Bale, E Beck and M Wilks.

2. Request for declarations of interest.

No members made any declarations of interests in relation to items on the agenda.

3. Request for dispensations.

There were no requests for a dispensation in relation to items on the agenda.

4. Public Question Time.

There were no members of the public present.

5. To agree and approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 1st October 2025.

The minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held 1st October 2025 were approved as a true record.

6. To note to status of the committee 25/26 budget.

The Committee noted the status of the committee 25/26 budget.

7. To consider the Estates seating arrangements.

The Committee discussed the current seating arrangements across the estate and agreed to prioritise further investigation into the Market Square and Elmhurst Park.

The Deputy Town Clerk was requested to prepare a report outlining potential options for the installation of contemporary seating in Elmhurst Park. In addition, the Deputy Town Clerk will seek further information from Suffolk Highways regarding plans for the Market Hill area as part of the Active Travel Scheme, to enable consideration of a joint plan. This may include exploring ideas such as the installation of shade sails and replacement seating around existing trees.

7. To consider the Estates seating arrangements.

Members were happy for the Copper Beech tree in Elmhurst Park to be included in the Trees for Peace trail and on all promotional paperwork or websites.

8. To receive an update on the Fen Meadow, play area refurbishment

Members agreed to recommend Wicksteed as preferred contractors to the Town Council for consideration.

11. Closure

The meeting was closed at 8.10pm.

Councillor Miller
Chair