Amersham Town Council

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
HELD ON 17 AUGUST 2026

PRESENT: Councillor Maura Brady (Chair)
Councillor Heena Amarshi
Councillor Jane Barnes
Councillor Elizabeth Kolb
Councillor Mark Roberts
Councillor Kelly Thornton (Deputy Town Mayor)
Councillor James Wilkinson
Councillor Simon Woodhead

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor Martin Day (Town Mayor)
Elizabeth Richardson - Town Clerk Finance & Policy

16. **APOLOGIES:** Councillor Jonathan Allum

17. **ABSENT:** Councillor Paul Edwards

18. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**
There were no declarations of interest.

19. **TO RECEIVE THE FINANCE REPORTS FOR MAY/JUNE 2026:**

i) Income and Expenditure Reports for period ending 31 May & 30 June 2026
ii) Balance sheets as at 31 May & 30 June 2026
iii) Accounts paid to 1 May to 30 June 2026

It was Proposed Councillor M Brady
Seconded Councillor S Woodhead

RECOMMENDED that the finance reports for the period 1 May to 30 June 2026 be accepted.

20. **FUNDING FOR SCOPING SURVEY TO REDEVELOP HERVINES PARK PAVILION:**
Councillor Roberts proposed a motion that the committee approve funding from the Council's 2026/27 capital fund for a scoping survey to explore the redevelopment of the Hervines Park pavilion and bowls club. After discussion

It was Proposed Councillor M Roberts
Seconded Councillor E Kolb

RECOMMENDED that the motion be passed as follows:
That the Committee agrees, in principle, to support the redevelopment of the Hervines Park pavilion site, subject to satisfactory lease negotiations with Amersham Bowls Club, feasibility work and the necessary approvals, and allocates a preliminary budget to undertake the investigations required to establish the scope, costs, risks and deliverability of the redevelopment proposals.

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The Committee then considered the amount of funding to be allocated from the current year's capital fund. After discussion

It was — Proposed Councillor M Roberts
Seconded Councillor M Day

RECOMMENDED that £30,000 be allocated from the current year's capital funds to cover costs for the initial scoping investigation.

21. **COLLABORATION WITH THE CHILTERN SOCIETY FOR REMOVAL OF HOLLY IN RECTORY WOODS:**

The Committee noted Steve Catanach's report on the proposed initiative to remove invasive holly within Rectory Woods. After brief discussion

It was — Proposed Councillor M Day
Seconded Councillor E Kolb

RECOMMENDED to approve the proposal, with an anticipated cost of £1500.

22. **MATTERS FOR REPORT:**

a) Verbal update from Buckinghamshire Councillors
Councillors Mark Roberts and Kelly Thornton provided the Committee with an update on matters relating to Buckinghamshire Council, focusing particularly on the ongoing consultation on the Local Plan and recent significant planning applications.

Part two

EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

That under Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admissions to meetings) Act 1960, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they include the likely disclosure of exempt information, stated to be confidential.

23. **AMERSHAM BOWLS CLUB- RENEWAL OF LEASE**:

Councillor Roberts provided a progress report from the Council's Working Group on the lease negotiations. The Committee considered a draft response to the bowls club's proposals. After discussion

It was — Proposed Councillor M Day
Seconded Councillor K Thornton

RECOMMENDED that the prepared response be forwarded. to the club, subject to further legal advice.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Chairman……. Date …….

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