STILTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Amenities Management Committee (AMC) meeting that took place on Tuesday 3 March 2026 - held at the Church Meeting Room, Stilton at 7.30pm.

Present:
Councillors: Murtagh (Chairman), Ayres, J Leonard, O Leonard and Paice

Clerk: Lawrence

Others: No members of the public

AMC01/03/26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
No apologies for absence had been received. Cllr Shailer was not present.

AMC02/03/26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS
No Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests, as set out in Chapter 7 of the Localism Act 2011 were received nor dispensations requested.

AMC03/03/26 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
No members of the public were present.

AMC04/03/26 MINUTES
The Minutes of the Amenities Management committee meeting held on Tuesday 2 September 2025 were agreed a true record and signed by the Chairman.

AMC05/03/26 TERMS OF REFERENCE
Resolved
The revised Terms of Reference for the committee (detailing delegated authority for managing its own budget from 01/04/26) were confirmed suitable.

AMC06/03/26 POLICIES
The following were reviewed for recommendation to the Parish Council at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on 12/05/26:

- Biodiversity Policy – **no changes**
- Ditch Management Scheme – **no changes**
- Terms of Reference: Cemetery Working Group – **small amendment to detail 1 councillor should be a member**
- Terms of Reference: Green Spaces Working Group – **small amendment to detail 1 councillor should be a member.**

ACC08/03/26 PLAY AREA/SKATE PARK ANNUAL INSPECTIONS
Confirmation the annual inspections with Play Safety are booked to take place in April with costs of £83 for the Skate Park and £83 for the Pavilion Play Park (no play area in Barn Close for inspection this year).

AMC09/03/26 GRAVE SURVEY (every 3 years)

The Clerk provided a cost for the survey of memorials and suggested a timeframe.

Resolved (to be recommended to the Parish Council at the meeting on 10/03/26)

Fenland Stoneworks to carry out the grave survey for £300 + VAT from 01/04/26.

AMC10/03/26 TREE SURVEY (every 3 years)

The Clerk provided quotes for a whole village tree survey and suggested a timeframe (quotes of: £1,000 + VAT, £1,420 + VAT and £2,940 + VAT). A cost to survey the leaning Cemetery Sequoia was also discussed.

Resolved (to be recommended to the Parish Council at the meeting on 10/03/26)

Global Tree Solutions to carry out the tree survey for £1,000 +VAT from 01/04/26, including an in depth examination of the Cemetery Sequoia.

AMC11/03/26 VILLAGE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

The Clerk presented a proposed schedule for village maintenance needs from 01/05/26 when the current contract expires**.** Going to tender or extending the current contract with Huntingdonshire District Council was considered.

Resolved (to be recommended to the Parish Council at the meeting on 10/03/26)

AMC11/03/26.1 The revised village maintenance schedule

AMC11/03/26.2 Extending the contract with Huntingdonshire District Council for a further 12 months.

AMC12/03/26 BURIAL GROUNDS

An update was provided on Cemetery Quadrant 1 works, straightening headstones and burial needs re extra land.

Resolved

AMC12/03/26.1 Designs to encompass interment facilities within the Cemetery as provided by Fenland Stoneworks to be considered further by the Cemetery Working Group (estimate of approximately £13,000 – possible CIL spend)

AMC12/03/26.2 Straightening or lying flat of slanted headstones to also be looked into by the Cemetery Working Group

AMC12/03/26.3 Clerk to contact the Diocese regarding potential burial land at the side of the New Churchyard/Garden of Remembrance.

AMC13/03/26 COMMUNITY FIELD BIN NEEDS

A suggestion for a bin near the dug outs was put forward for consideration with costings.

Resolved

The football clubs to be contacted to ascertain if they would like to donate toward a new bin and Clerk to report back (a metal Broxap bin was preferred to match other village bins – estimate: £400).

AMC14/03/26 GREEN SPACES

Cllr Ayres and Paice highlighted additional planting needs in open spaces/verges around the village. A Working Group meeting to be held to discuss further.

AMC15/03/26 SKATE PARK REPLACEMENT

The Clerk highlighted nearby skateparks/pump tracks to enable traction on the project.

Resolved

The Clerk to arrange a visit by High Line Skateparks (Cllr Murtagh to also attend).

Meeting closed: 20:43

Next meeting – Tuesday 2 June 2026 at 7.30pm