

MINUTES of the GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING held on Tuesday 14th July 2026 at Summercourt Memorial Hall commencing at 8pm.

PRESENT: Cllrs Farrell, Johns, Shaw, Cole, Beardwell, Kessell, Wimberley.

IN ATTENDANCE:

26/GP13 Apologies for absence

Cllrs Cocks, Hearl, Hook

26/GP14 Declarations of Interest in agenda items.

None.

26/GP15 Minutes of the Committee Meeting of 9th June 2026 to be approved.

Proposal by Cllr Shaw to approve the minutes of 9th June 2026, seconded Cllr Johns, unanimous.

The above was duly **resolved**.

26/GP16 Matters arising

None.

26/GP17 Playing Fields

a. Thomas Playing Field

To note £3833 remaining in budget, with tree works of £350 and zip wire repair 50% £332.50 approved but not spent.

- i. To review and consider quote for repair of skate ramps, to approve assoc. expenditure (if any).

Quote circulated with meeting papers.

Proposal by Cllr Shaw to approve skate ramps at £285 + VAT seconded Cllr Wimberley, carried.

The above was duly **resolved**.

- ii. To review and consider quote for repair of roundabout, to approve assoc. expenditure (if any) or make recommendation to Full Council.

Quote circulated with meeting papers, another contractor has been contacted for a quote, he has stated that the bearing is £1500 on its own, he stated that it may be cheaper for him to take it apart and see if existing bearing can be repaired. He has stated that due to corrosion it may not be worth repairing.

Proposal by Cllr Shaw to check if Mr Inglefield will charge for a new bearing if he can't repair, to bring back to Full Council for recommendation, seconded Cllr Wimberley, carried.

The above was duly **resolved**.

- iii. Tree works- to consider works to trees at entrance- to consider and resolve.

The 2 trees at the entrance to Thomas Playing, one needs crown lifting, the other is ash with ash dieback. Quote has been requested from TP Tree Services; TP Services has identified to additional ash trees at rear of park both with ash dieback, he has included felling these in the quote. Quote received of £350 + VAT.

Proposal by Cllr Shaw to approve, seconded Cllr Kessell, carried.

The above was duly **resolved**.

b. Indian Queens Recreation Ground

- i. Picnic bench, play area- this has been inspected and beyond repair, did members

want to replace with wooden, as existing, or recycled plastic, to consider and resolve to approve assoc. expenditure.

Wooden is approx. £300 and recycled plastic £450 + VAT (guaranteed for 25 years)
Proposal by Cllr Shaw, to approve recycled plastic in brown, seconded Cllr Johns, carried.

The above was duly **resolved**.

- ii. To review and consider quote for repair of skate ramps, to approve assoc. expenditure (if any).

This was included in minute The above was duly **resolved**.

c. Hanover Parc, Penhale Gardens & St James View.

- i. To consider inspection reports, and consider to resolve any maintenance, to consider making recommendation to Full Council (there is a separate budget for this).

Inspection reports circulated at the meeting.

Proposal by Cllr Farrell to site visit and to bring back to Full Council, seconded Cllr Wimberley, carried.

The above was duly **resolved**.

- d. Any other matters relating to Playing Fields.

- i. Recreation Ground Lane- very overgrown both hedges and grass, also a complaint received regarding triangle at the start of the Lane, brambles and bind weed growing into neighbouring property.

Proposal by Cllr Shaw to approve cutting, seconded Cllr Johns, carried.

The above was duly **resolved**.

26/G18 Allotments, Moorland Road- request for standpipe to plot, to consider and resolve, approve assoc. expenditure (if any).

Quote received for laying pipe is £175 + VAT and then standpipe at £70 + VAT. This will be considerably more if requiring the same at St Columb Road Allotments.

Proposal by Cllr Johns, to allow plot holder to install water pipe to his plot, but must allow other people to connect to the pipe and when he gives up the allotment water pipe stays, seconded Cllr Shaw, carried.

The above was duly **resolved**.

26/GP19 Correspondence

None.

26/GP20 Other urgent business.

Complaints regarding grass cutting, Clerk to go out with New Clerk and inspect the areas on the contract as soon as possible, (this includes visibility splays).

26/GP21 To set date and request agenda items for next GPC meeting.

The next meeting will be September after Planning Meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.37pm.

Signed : (Chairman) (dated)