

Clerk to the Council/RFO: J Hodgkiss
Chairman: Cllr R Ruscoe

Minutes of the **Services Committee** held at 6:00pm on **Monday 16th February 2026** in Christ Church.

Present: Cllrs – T Clarke (TC), D Engler (DE), A Parkhurst (AP), R Ruscoe (RR), C Teckoe (CT)

In attendance: Julie Hodgkiss, (JH) Clerk; Peter Orrell, (PO) Deputy Clerk

S24.25/26 **TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr Markham – work commitments.

S25.25/26 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None

S26.25/26 **PUBLIC SPEAKING/QUESTIONS AT COUNCIL MEETINGS**

The Chair recommended that item S30.25/26 be considered at this point as the residents requesting one of the memorial trees was present. The resident explained which tree they were looking to plant, where and why.

S30.25/26 **MEMORIAL TREE REQUESTS**

RESOLVED: AP proposed to approve the planting of both trees, seconded by RR and agreed by all members present.

S27.25/26 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: RR proposed to approve for accuracy and sign the minutes of the Services Committee held on Monday 3rd November 2025, signed by DE and agreed by all members present.

S28.25/26 **FOOTBALL PITCH MAINTENANCE**

RESOLVED: DE proposed to propose to Full Council option 2 from the quote for pitches at the value of £10, 584 from contractor B, seconded by RR and agreed by all members present.

S29.25/26 **BENCH AT THE COMMON**

RESOLVED: RR proposed to purchase a Glasdon bench at the cost of £357.33, seconded by DE and agreed by all members present.

S31.25/26 **COMMUNITY PAYBACK TEAM**

RESOLVED: AP proposed to delegate powers to the Clerk to sign the MOU document from the team, seconded by DE and agreed by all members present.

The Chairman gave his thanks and those of the committee to Deputy Clerk, Peter Orrell, who was attending the committee for the last time prior to his retirement.