

Harrietsham Parish Council
Environmental Committee
Minutes of meeting held on Monday 12th January 2026

- 1. Present:** Cllrs Brown (Chair), Dayes, Dean, Donley Luck, M Cuerden (RFO/Amenity Manager)
- 2. Apologies:** Mrs S Amos **Members of the public:** None
- 3. Minutes of the last meeting** (10th November 2025) were signed (without amendment) at the following Council meeting, another copy was signed for our records.
- 4. Disclosures:** None

MC reported that, following the recent snow, heavy rain and high winds, he had not yet had a chance to walk round the council's open spaces. However, he had received no reports of any damage, and when he had last been round, (a couple of weeks ago), all had been ok. There was therefore little to say on each topic below, with just a couple of additional comments:

- 5. Millenium Field (formerly New Burial Ground):** Nothing to add.
- 6. Garden of Remembrance:** Nothing to add.
- 7. Glebe Field:** Nothing to add. We are still awaiting the height reduction work on the trees bordering the old rectory site, for which there might be a small increase in cost. This is because the work needs to be done before April, and if the weather fails to co-operate then there might be a requirement for matting to support the cherry-picker on the grass.
- 8. Medical Centre & Church Road:** Nothing to add. We have had no response, yet, from the Practice over our offer to part-fund any work they wish to do to the centre's front.
- 9. Woodlands Walk:** MC had nothing to add. Cllr Dean pointed out that, if we wish to treat the lake again this year, then we should get a quote from Hawkhurst Fish Farm, (previous and specialist supplier), and volunteered to do so.
- 10. Allotments:** Nothing to add.
- 11. Benches:** Nothing to add.
- 12. War Memorial:** Nothing to add.
- 13. A20 Verges:** MC had nothing to add about the contract. He did, however, note that the transfer of the West Street Green from KCC to the council seemed to have stalled, and that the Clerk has commenced the process of retaining another solicitor to replace the current one, who had not been communicating with us. He also noted that the Christmas lights had now come to the end of the lease, and the Clerk would be talking to the suppliers to see where we go from here.
- 14. Saxon Place Field:** MC had nothing to add, however various councillors had been to an open session on the development of the old Marley site by Panatoni, the developers. They had indicated a willingness to fund community projects, with our proposed MUGA being mentioned. It will be interesting to see if anything comes of this.
- 15. Teers Meadow:** Nothing to add.
- 16. Items for future work:** MC reported that he had still not followed up the three possible contractors for work on the sign and bench by the stream. He undertook to do so.

Finally, MC informed the meeting of his decision to retire from the post of Amenity Manager at the end of March. The following meeting would therefore be his last in the role.

- 17. Date of the next meeting:** Monday 9th March in the Parish Office at 7:30pm.

Meeting closed at 8:00pm.