

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF WINCHCOMBE TOWN COUNCIL GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD AT ABBEY FIELDS COMMUNITY CENTRE, BACK LANE, WINCHCOMBE AT 7 PM ON WEDNESDAY 15 OCTOBER 2025.

PRESENT: Ms S Sturgeon (Chair) Mr J Mason
The Clerk
Mr M Lennard Cllr R Parker

1. TO NOTE APOLOGIES. None.
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. None.
3. TO RECEIVE MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING. None.
4. TO CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS FOR WORKS AS IDENTIFIED IN THE VISUAL TREE ASSESSMENT. Awaiting quotation from tree surgeon.
5. TO CONSIDER OPTIONS FOR THE REFURBISHMENT OF BACK LANE PUBLIC TOILETS. Member discussed possibility of refurbishment of two unisex toilets plus the disabled access with baby change, with closure of the remaining cubicles. Clerk to obtain quotations for fittings, plumbing and contactless operated doors. Cllr J Mason proposed that the reduction of toilet facilities be recommended to Full Council at the November meeting, seconded Cllr S Sturgeon, carried unanimously.
6. TO CONSIDER OPTIONS FOR CLEANING/MAINTENANCE OF BACK LANE PUBLIC TOILETS. The current cleaning/opening contract comes to an end at the end of October 2025. Following discussion members agreed that a new tender is drafted and advertised; for opening/cleaning reduced number of facilities for 6 months. This will enable research to be conducted for, and possible implementation of, proposed longer term changes, if approved by Full Council. Proposed Cllr J Mason, seconded Cllr R Parker, carried unanimously.
7. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE BUDGET FOR 2025/2026. The Clerk shared a budget summary for the year to date.
8. TO SET THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE BUDGET FOR 2026/2027. Members agreed to set the budget as detailed in the table below.

	Current Financial Year 2025-26	Next Financial Year 2026-27
Bins	£600	£600
Tree Works	£2,500	£2,500
Cleaning (Toilets)	£16,000	£16,000
Salt Tip Cheltenham Rd Maintenance	£350	£350
Dog Bags	£400	£400
Ireley Coppice Maintenance	£350	£350
General Maintenance (inc De-Fib)	£3,000	£3,000

Proposed Cllr R Parker, seconded Cllr J Mason, carried unanimously.

Meeting closed at 7.27pm.