Minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting held on 16th September, 2026 at 7.30pm at Sedbury and Beachley Village Hall, King Alfred's Road, Sedbury.

Present: Councillors: Burgess, Stead, Swambo (chairman) and Walsh.
Officers: D Stevens (Assistant Clerk).

1. ATTENDANCE

a. Resolved to receive apologies for absence from those councillors unable to attend, from Councillor Russell and Tullett.

b. Resolved to accept those apologies received with reasons for absence, from Councillor Russell and Tullett.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive Declarations of Interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 in respect of officers and in accordance with the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 in respect of members. None received.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

a. Resolved to approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 20th May, 2026.

b. Resolved to consider any matters arising from those minutes. There were none.

4. PUBLIC CONSULTATION

There were no members of the public present.

5. ASSISTANT CLERK'S REPORT

a. Resolved to accept the Amenities budget sheet. The clerk advised the Amenities spend is tracking in line with the budget.

b. Resolved to note the Beachley and Sedbury defibrillators were required by South West Ambulance Service on two occasions but not used since May. The defibrillators were checked and put back on line on The Circuit app.

c. Resolved to note the replacement defibrillator cabinets have been installed.

d. Resolved to note no update with regards gravestone and monuments, topple testing.

e. Resolved to note the wooden gate into the Woodcroft Lane playground has been repaired by an anonymous person, additional securing screws have been fitted by Shane Weldon.

f. Resolved to note the rotten and damaged wooden play area equipment behind the Sedbury and Beachley Village Hall has been removed under emergency powers, cost was £360 no Vat.

6. TO CONSIDER CHURCHYARD WORKS AND ISSUES

a. To consider the cost to trim hedges/brambles and generally tidy the churchyard at St John's Church, Beachley.

i. **Resolved to accept -** Dave Kirkham – Hedge trimming. £500 no Vat.

7. TO CONSIDER OPEN SPACE ISSUES

a. To consider the cost for hedge trimming along Offa's Dyke path next to Wyebank Road grass area. Two contractors were invited to quote.

i. **Resolved to not accept -** Trunk Arb Ltd. £550.00 + Vat = £660.00.

ii. **Resolved to accept -** David Kirkham. £350.00 no Vat.

b. To consider the cost for annual hedge trimming along Shirley's Grove / Recreation Ground and Mopla Road boundary. To include reducing the height and width where possible of the hedge next to the recreation ground as requested by residents and the War Memorial Trust. Councillors were concerned with the possible damage and look of the hedge following the usual cut in

September/October, that they would like to consider the second harder cut with power saws when the hedge is dormant at a future meeting.

i. **Resolved to accept -** D S Cracknell Contracting. Recreation ground inside and out and Shirley's Grove outside only. £570.00 + Vat = £684.00.
ii. **Resolved to consider at a future meeting -** D S Cracknell Contracting. Power saw to lower further if required when hedge is dormant. £450.00 + Vat = £540.00.

c. **To consider** the cost of a new dog bin to be installed on the Wyedean Fields development. Location of new dog bin to be agreed with the developers.

i. **Resolved to accept -** Forest Equipment Services – purchase and installation of dog bin. £381.18 + Vat = £457.42.
ii. **Resolved to accept -** Forest Equipment Services – weekly emptying charge. £6.61 + Vat = £7.93.

d. **To consider** the cost to attend the WCCTV camera on King Alfred's Street to either reboot CCTV camera or remove to return to manufacture for repair. Councillors discussed the number of times this CCTV camera has required attention and have asked for WCCTV to replace the camera with a new one.

i. **Resolved to accept -** W&A Adams. £210.00 + Vat = £252.

e. **Resolved to accept** report from a resident of overgrown and overhanging trees/bushes in Sedbury and Beachley Village Hall playing field. Councillors asked the Assistant Clerk to obtain quotes for both the trimming of these trees/bushes and those along the side of the garages, and to be considered at a future meeting.

8. **<u>TO CONSIDER PLAYGROUND ISSUES</u>**

a. **Resolved to not accept** the cost to the repair/replace the inclusive roundabout at the Wyebank Road / Buttington Road playground, repair includes the replacement of the bearing. The roundabout was investigated by Kompan on 21st May. Due to the cost of the repair and replacement options Councillors agreed the Open Spaces Group consider the longer-term development of the various playgrounds in the parish.

i. **Resolved to not accept -** Kompan. Replace current worn roundabout bearing with new. £3,609.00 + Vat = £4,330.80.
ii. **Resolved to not accept -** Kompan. Remove damaged roundabout and install replacement. £9,685.43 + Vat = £11,622.51.

b. **To consider** the cost to repair or replace the wood logs/posts on some of the equipment located in the playground in Tutshill War Memorial Recreation Ground. Councillors discussed the number of times this equipment is having to be repaired due to age and condition, or if replacements should be considered, however there is not sufficient budget to replace three items of equipment at this time. Councillors agreed the Open Spaces Group should consider the longer-term development of the various playgrounds in the parish and if plans to replace items be considered at a future next meeting.

i. **Resolved to not accept -** Greenfields Ltd. Includes repair to 5 units. £6,791.03 + Vat = £8,149.24.
ii. **Resolved to not accept -** WM Garden Services. Includes repair to two units and to replace 3 units. £20,500 + Vat = £24,600.00.

c. **To consider** the cost for the felling of a tree in the Wyebank Road playground as recommended in the 2026 tree survey report.

i. **Resolved to accept -** Trunk Arb Ltd. £145.00 + Vat = £174.00.

d. **To consider** the cost for the trimming of all internal hedges at Woodcroft playground.

i. **Resolved to accept -** Dave Kirkham – Hedge trimming. £400 no Vat.

9. TO CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

There were none.

10. TO RECEIVE COUNCILLORS' LOCAL REPORTS AND MATTERS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

There were none.

11. FUTURE MEETINGS

Resolved to note the date of the next meeting and future council meetings:

a. Full Council meeting – 21st October, 2026.

b. Amenities Committee meeting - 11th November, 2026.

The meeting closed at 20:13 hours.