

STORRINGTON & SULLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Recreation and Property Committee Meeting in the Chanctonbury Room, Parish Hall, Thakeham Rd, Storrington on Wednesday 21st January at 6.30pm

Present: Cllr Bill Aitkenhead, Cllr Tony Mills, Cllr John Loney, Cllr Hurley and Cllr Claudia Fisher.

Members of the public: None

Also present: Rebecca Luckin – Clerk

MINUTES

1. **Apologies for absence**

a) Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Castle. ✓

2. **Declarations of interest**

a) Cllr Fisher declared an interest as an HDC Councillor. ✓

3. **Minutes of the previous meeting**

a) Cllr Mills **proposed** that the minutes of the meeting of 17th December 2025 be approved as a correct record of the meeting. **Seconded** by Cllr Fisher. **Agreed.** The minutes were duly signed.

4. **Matters arising – for information only**

a) Cllrs Mills and Fisher had visited the Football Pavilion to understand the issues regarding the need for repairs and improvements.

5. **Public Participation - Members of the Public may comment on items on the agenda**

None for this meeting.

6. **Cricket Club / Football Club / Leisure Centre proposal updates**

a) Cllr Aitkenhead reported that a meeting would be taking place in due course, when the budget for 26/27 has been finalised and the outcome of the CIL bid is known. The R&P Committee had asked the Finance & Governance Committee to consider using some of CIL funds to cover the costs of improvements at the Football Club in order that the Leisure Centre can use it as an overspill space. Any works undertaken would not be redundant should the CIL bid be successful.

7. **Parish Hall updates**

a) Nothing to report, or discuss, for this meeting.

8. **Allotments management**

a) Nothing to report, or discuss, for this meeting.

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9. Playgrounds and Open Spaces

a) Repair to a bench on the Sullington Recreation Ground will be undertaken.

10. Committee review 25/26 budget and agree 26/27 budget

a) Committee Members noted the Flexed Budget Report for December 2025.

b) Committee Members confirmed their final agreement regarding discretionary projects and costs, prior to F&G and Full Council meetings on 28th January. Cllr Loney reported that the Finance & Governance Committee had been asked to set aside 26/27 of CIL funds for urgent roof repairs at the Leisure Centre (in the region of £60k). The current lease specifies that the landlord is responsible for repairs to the building. The draft budget makes provision for safety nets around the children's playground and accessible benches for the Recreation Ground.

11. Consideration of items of expenditure

a) AV repairs at Parish Hall - Quote for - £361.00.

Cllr Loney **proposed** that the above quote be accepted. **Seconded** by Cllr Aitkenhead. **Agreed.**

12. 10-year maintenance programme for Sullington Hall

a) Committee to consider and agree quotes for replacement stage curtains, and side curtains in main hall following clarification of how the curtains will be operated.

Quote 1 total for stage and hall - £8,272.06.

Cllr Loney **proposed** that Committee Members make recommendation to Full Council that the quote for replacement stage curtains only, be approved, subject to confirmation of the reduced cost.

Seconded by Cllr Mills. **Agreed.**

13. Committee Strategic Plan objectives – Committee members to review and update as part of budget-setting process – item for the next agenda.

14. Chairman's Announcements and items for the next agenda

a) Item for the next agenda – consider and agree regarding quotes for dilapidation surveys at Parish Council properties.

15. Date of next meeting – 18th February 2026

The meeting closed at 7.15pm