



2026

MELKSHAM TOWN COUNCIL



Amenities & Facilities Agenda

Monday 9th February 2026



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3rd February 2026

Dear Councillors A Westbrook, J Oatley, P Aves, J Crossley, A Griffin, J Westbrook and A Whitlock

You are summoned in accordance with the Local Government Act (LGA) 1972, Sch 12, paras 10 (2)(b) to a meeting of Amenities & Facilities Committee of Melksham Town Council for the transaction of the business shown on the agenda below.

Monday 9th February **2026**, to be held at 19.00 in the Council Chamber, Melksham Town Hall, Market Place, Melksham, SN12 7ES.

The quorum for Amenities & Facilities is 4.

Public Participation.

Members of the public and the press may attend this meeting in person or join the meeting on teams via the following link <https://tinyurl.com/bdfy8xvu> . Public participation will take place near the start of the meeting.

Each speaker is limited to three minutes, with a total public session of 20 minutes. Members of the public are requested to send their question to CEO@melksham-tc.gov.uk by noon on the working day before the meeting. You should still attend the meeting, in person or online, to ask your question.

No decisions will be made on matters not already on the agenda. The Council may ask the public and press to leave if confidential matters need to be discussed.

The Seven Principles of Public Life.

All members are reminded of their duty under the code of conduct to uphold the Seven Principles of Public Life: selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty, and leadership.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Hayley Bell – CEO

Amenities & Facilities Committee Terms of Reference.

The Amenities & Facilities Committee is responsible for matters relating to all assets owned and/or managed by the Town Council. This includes the town hall, assembly hall and other property owned by the town council, parks and play areas, grounds maintenance, street furniture, public toilets, and all council land/allotments.

1. Membership: Seven elected Members.

- 1.1 Invited officers relevant to the management of assets, who will have no voting rights.
- 1.2 No business may be transacted at a meeting unless at least 50% of the whole number of members of the committee, rounded up, are present.
- 1.3 Substitution of members- substitutes should be nominated by the member of the committee planning to be absent and notified to the Proper Officer in writing by 15.00 on the day of the meeting.

2. Delegated Business: The Committee has the following delegated powers:

- 2.1 To consider and resolve issues relating to the administration and maintenance of the Town Hall, Assembly Hall and all other properties owned by the Town Council, all public owned spaces, play areas, allotments, and the closed churchyard.
- 2.2 To maintain existing bus shelters, street furniture, and CCTV equipment and consider provision of new items where necessary within approved budgets.
- 2.3 To consider the process of redeveloping the Assembly Hall.
- 2.4 To conclude the outstanding works at the King George V Playing Fields and provide updates.
- 2.5 Review all budget lines and monthly accounts for all assets listed, managing relevant budget lines allocated and provide update reports.
- 2.6 To approve expenditure within budget and to refer any requests for expenditure over budget to Full Council.
- 2.7 Have oversight of the asset register and ensure it is regularly updated by the RFO.
- 2.8 Have oversight of the fabric of the buildings and the use of the building and the business case for said use.
- 2.9 To implement any works recommended in the Buildings Condition Surveys Reports.
- 2.10 Setting of fees, terms and conditions of use, and provision of equipment for areas under its control.
- 2.11 Liaison with community organisations which have an interest in recreational facilities in the town.



- 2.12 Vehicles and equipment within the area of its responsibilities and not under the control of any other committee.
- 3. Referred Business:** To consider and make recommendations to the Town Council on the following matters:
- 3.1 Budget estimates, to be prepared no later than October each year and submitted to the RFO.
 - 3.2 Any other matters referred to the Committee by Full Council.
 - 3.3 Any other matters referred to the Committee by Council Working Groups for whom the Committee is the parent Committee.



AGENDA

Amenities & Facilities

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| 1. Apologies. | 19.00 – 19.01 |
| To receive and consider acceptance for apologies and absences

(Local Government Act, 1972 s.85) | |
| 2. Declaration of interests. | 19.01 – 19.02 |
| To declare an interest relating to the business of the meeting.

(Melksham Town Council Code of Conduct) | |
| 3. Minutes | 19.02 – 19.05 |
| To approve the minutes of the previous meeting, 17 th November 2025

(Local Government Act 1972, s. 12) | |
| 4. Public participation | 19.05 – 19.25 |
| To allow public participation, 3 minutes per person, 20 minutes allocation.

(Local Government Act 1972, s. 12) | |
| 5. Melksham Town Council Play Parks – Strategic Overview and Future Plans | |
| For discussion and decision | |
| 6. Motion on Speedwell Close Play Area | 19.25 – 19.35 |
| For decision. | |
| 7. Memorial Bench & Tree Policy | 19.35 – 19.45 |
| To approve amendment to the policy

To set a cost for purchase and installation of a new memorial bench

To set a cost for sponsorship of an existing bench | |
| 8. Splashpad | 19.45 – 20.00 |
| For decision on work to the Splashpad (Quotes included)

To note public consultation and Birthday Party hire. | |



9. Public Toilets	20.00 – 20.10
For decision on opening times	
10. Wiltshire Town Programme	20.10 – 20.30
10.1 Update	
To note	
10.2 Melksham Market Place	
For decision on installation of festoon lighting	
10.3. Riverside Walk Festoon Lighting	
For decision on installation of festoon lighting	
11. Assembly Hall Report	20.30 – 20.45
To note the report and for decision on recommended actions	
12. Other Items to note	20.45 – 21.00
Letters to Heaven	
Tree Report	
KGV Banners	
KGV Masterplan	
31A Market Place and Property Maintenance Update	
Community Toilet Report	
Pop-Up Garden	
Melksham Town Bridge	

