

Minutes of the **Parish Maintenance Committee** meeting held on Monday 19th January 2026 at 11.15am.



Present Councillors Lockyer (Chair) Green, Liley & Swiers & Clerk Helen Carter.

1. **Notice of meeting** –It was **RESOLVED** that the meeting was being held in accordance with schedule 12 para (10)2 (b) of the Local Government Act 1972. **1/26**
2. **Apologies** had been received from Councillors Paxton & Seaward.it was **RESOLVED the apologies be accepted.** **2/26**
3. **Declarations of Interests:** No declarations made.
4. **Public Participation:** No public present.
5. **Minutes** of the meeting held 10th November 2025. It was **RESOLVED the minutes be approved & were signed.** **3/26**
6. **Grass cutting & hedge cutting** – there was discussion about who to approach to quote & what was to be included in the contract. Grassed areas defined with the addition of possible hedge cutting if the companies approached are able to include the work. Hedge cutting Estill Close, recycling area, cemetery, Millenium Gardens including the snicket, Jackson Close Play area. It was agreed Councillor Mrs Swiers to approach NYC & Councillors Liley & Lockyer to approach Harrisons & Countrywide.
Millenium Gardens – David Wilson to be approached to check he is prepared to continue to edge & cut the grass.
7. **Shrub Beds** – the companies being asked to quote for grass/hedges to be asked if they can maintain the shrub beds – adjacent to the Orchard on Main Street; area at the back of Millenium Gardens/West Garth; West Garth noticeboard bed; shrub bed on Chapel Lane. If not a local resident to be approached.
George Wilson bed – Mr Dyer to be approached to check he is prepared to continue to maintain this bed.
8. **Planters/tubs & Hanging Baskets** – the hanging baskets are planted up by Cayton in Bloom but need to be watered. Last year Flixton Plant centre did a marvellous job of planting up the various tubs and planters & they are to be approached again to see if they want to quote for 2026. They have indicated previously they will include watering & it was discussed that they also be asked to water the hanging baskets. It was suggested Flixton Plant Centre be allowed to display a sign somewhere.
9. **Any other matters the following were discussed**
 - **Tree on Penton Road** the clerk has contacted NYC & they have confirmed it is not their responsibility. Advanced Trees are to check out & report back.
 - **Willow Tree opposite the school** – a large branch fell off during high winds. The branch was removed by NYC & they have confirmed it is their responsibility.
 - **Other trees** – the clerk to contact Advanced Trees to check what work they have done in the last few years so a list of responsibility & work can be established.
 - **Seats** – a list of location, type of seat & condition to be prepared.
 - **Risk Assessments** to be undertaken.

- **Payback Team** – are to return to the village on 31st January. Councillor Liley & Swiers met the supervisor & a list of work to be undertaken in the coming weeks has been drawn up both around the village & inside the Jubilee Hall. To be added to the list is a pile of vegetation at the Allotments which needs to be removed and a pile of vegetation at the bed on Chapel Lane & painting the gates of the cemetery.

10. **Time and date of the next meeting** – to be confirmed.

Signature

C Lockyer Date 24th February 2026