

**Minutes of the Recreation Committee Meeting of
Botley Parish Council held on Tuesday 7th April 2026**

Meeting Venue: The Botley Centre, High Street, Botley, SO30 2ES.

Start Time: 7.18pm

Name	Present	Apologies	Absent
Cllr Cooper	✓		
Cllr Grinham	✓		
Cllr Gurd (Vice Chair)	✓		
Cllr King		✓	
Cllr Kitching	✓		
Cllr Kyrle (Chair)	✓		
Cllr Simcock	✓		

Also Present: Mr Matthew Wanstall, Deputy Clerk.

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

Public Questions – Four members of the public were present. Contribution to and discussion of agenda item 25/26 took place.

REC/25/64 Council Housekeeping:

i. To receive and accept apologies for absence

A proposal was received, seconded and voted unanimously to accept apologies from Cllr King.

RESOLVED: That the apologies were accepted.

(Power used: Local Government Act 1972 s85)

ii. To receive and accept Declarations of Pecuniary Interests on the Agenda

No declarations were received

iii. To receive the decision spreadsheet

The sheet was received. Cllr Kitching updated on the Market Hall clock and was congratulated on the progress.

REC/25/65 To approve the minutes of the Recreation Committee meeting held on Tuesday 3rd March 2026

A proposal was received, seconded and unanimously voted in favour.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Recreation Committee meeting held on 3rd March 2026 are approved.

REC/25/66 To receive a request for a utility connection through Little Hats

The request was received and discussed with 4 members of the public. There was some confusion over outstanding enforcement issues. Communication will take place with Eastleigh Borough Council Planning Enforcement from both the council and applicants. The Parish Council requested resolution of enforcement matters prior to considering an application.

REC/25/67 Reports:

i. Sewerage & Flooding

The report was received and Cllr Gurd gave an update. There was discussion of the Hampshire County Council Biodiversity Report which was welcomed. Cllr Cooper mentioned that the flooding and sewage issues will be discussed during the Hampshire County Council highways meeting. Water testing is being carried out by the grounds team in Pudbrook as a trial.

ii. Operational

A brief update was given by the Deputy Clerk.

iii. Environmental Working Group

Cllr Kitching gave an update on the pollinator project and 1 square meter project. The Estates Operations Manager will be invited to submit the pollinator agreement to the next meeting.

REC/25/68 Correspondence

No correspondence was received.

To receive resolution to exclude members of the public and press from Confidential Matters to be discussed 'that in the view of the confidential/special nature of the business about to be transacted, it is in the public interest that the public and press be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw'

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

THESE MINUTES COULD BE THE SUBJECT OF AMENDMENTS WHICH WILL BE RECORDED IN THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETING