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NOTICE OF A MEETING OF THE ESTATES COMMITTEE to be HELD ON Monday 12th May
2025 in the Day Centre Commercial Road at 7.45 pm.

Committee members: Cllrs R Atkins, D Kent, A Mackie, R Moon, L. Norcott, D Sargison,
B. Robichaud, J Thompson

ES114 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

ES115 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

To APPROVE the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 14th April 2025

ES116 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

- a) Levelling work on the Memorial Football Pitch will take place week commencing 19th May 2025.
- b) Work is progressing on the new interpretation boards for Foal Hurst Wood. It is hoped that the proofs will be available for the June meeting.
- c) Allotment meeting – the meeting has been scheduled for the 15th May 2025.
- d) Play Field guidelines – the Guidelines have been forwarded to the Sports Clubs, Community Centre and published on the Town Council website.
- e) Work on the Cemetery entrance has been completed.
- f) The Dog Fouling competition is being progressed with a closing date of 30th May 2025. Members are asked to APPROVE a £15 voucher as a prize for each year winner and the overall winning poster will be published and receive a £25 voucher.
- g) The Clerk and Committee chairman had met with representatives of the Garden Therapy project. A suitable location on the allotment site at Ringden avenue had been identified. A proposal from the Charity is awaited.

ES117 BUS SHELTERS

The Town Councils owns a total of 5 bus shelters, two by St Andrews Church, one opposite Mount Pleasant, one by the Masonic Hall and the wooden one on the land outside of Ton Hire.

These bus shelters are subject to frequent spray painting and fly posting. They were last pressure washed in 2024 and within a matter of weeks they had been “tagged” again. It had been intended to get them re-painted, however it is likely that they will be de-faced again.

It is suggested that the town council considers a street art project for the bus shelters, like those detailed below.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-gloucestershire-53941318>
<https://www.realartsandmedia.com/artshelter>
<https://www.dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk/bus-shelter-art-project>
<https://www.redditchbc.gov.uk/things-to-do/arts-in-redditch/roadway-arts/bus-shelters-art/>

Cllrs Williams and Braakensiek have been approached as a possible project for the new youth hub and are supportive of the idea. Further details as to how the project could work will be discussed if members agree that they would like to pursue this idea.

ES118 NEW CEMETERY – WATER SUPPLY

Over the winter the water pipe in the cemetery burst. The water was turned off until the weather improved. It is unclear exactly where the leak is but appears to be under the parking area. (Hi lighted in orange) To identify the location of the leak the area will need to be dug up and then re-instating. The town council paid £5,400 for the parking area to be created in October 2020. A contractor will cost £600/day to carry out the investigation work.

At present two dustbins for water are at the cemetery and the Estates Staff are filling them regularly to ensure visitors have enough water for flowers.

Members are asked to authorise the work to be carried out, although it is difficult to predict what the final costs will be until the exact location of the leak is identified.

In March 2024 the Council was quote £15,000 to have the whole of the front area to be gravelled similarly to the existing area. (Hi-lighted in blue.)

ES119 ESTATES MANAGER’S REPORT

To receive an update on any issues not reported elsewhere.

ES120 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on Monday 9th June 2025.

NICHOLA REAY
Clerk to the Council

6th May 2025