

**Amenities and Open Spaces Committee
Terms of Reference**

1. To manage the operation of the Manor Field, Pavilion and all open spaces, playing fields, recreation grounds, play grounds, and lay-by, and such land at Hartley Wood that the Council has taken care and control of, with the exception of the open space known as Northfield. Such operation shall include making recommendations to the Council on scales of hiring charges for the use of facilities together with conditions of hire.
2. To arrange for the maintenance of the Pavilion.
3. To review and monitor the grass cutting contracts together with the maintenance of all open spaces and to ensure that they are in safe condition for their use by the public.
4. To undertake and monitor health and safety inspections of all playground equipment.
5. To prepare an annual budget for review by the Council's Finance Committee in November of each year and to monitor expenditure against the annual budget approved by the Council.
6. To keep under review opportunities to secure funding support from external sources.
7. To be responsible for dealing with all matters relating to public rights of way to ensure the general upkeep of footpaths within the Parish, making recommendation to Council where necessary.

Delegated Powers

1. To authorise expenditure on those matters which fall within the responsibility of the Committee up to the sums contained in the annual budget approved by the Council, provided that any new schemes shall be subject to prior approval in principle by the Council.
2. To respond, on behalf of the Council, to orders for the diversion, stopping-up, extinguishment or creation of a public path.

Approved by the Council at its meeting held on 14th July 2008