



Box Parish Council

17th July 2026

Dear Councillor,

OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE – Monday 20th July 2026

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the **Open Spaces Committee** to be held at **the Pavilion, Box** on **Monday 20th July 2026** commencing at **7pm**.

Please give apologies to the Committee Chairman or Clerk prior to the Meeting.

Members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting.

Steve Vickery

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AGENDA

1. **Apologies.** To receive any apologies (and acceptance) for absence.
2. **Public Question Time.**
3. **Declarations** of interest relating to items on the Agenda.
4. **Previous Minutes.** To receive the Minutes of the previous Open Spaces Committee on 13th April 2026 and to consider any matters arising from the Minutes.
5. **Election of Vice Chair.**
6. **Playing Fields. (7.10pm to 7.40pm)**
 - a. **Bowls Club.** Update from representative.
 - b. **Cricket Club.** Update from representative.
 - c. **Tennis Courts** Update from representative.
 - d. **Football pitch.** Update on usage and proposal to replace goalposts with moveable FA standard (via Football Foundation grant with recommended suppliers). Cost £3,676.45 with a grant of £1,440, therefore cost is £2,236.45 (within the budget).
 - e. **Allotments.** Update from representative.
 - f. **Lower Common group.** Update from representative.
 - g. **Play Areas.** Update from Play Group. To note the aspiration to further improve the Lower Play Area. To note the arrival of the new noticeboard. With the failure of the GWR grant, to consider play equipment funding from budget and/or EMRs.
7. **Cemetery Grounds. (7.40pm to 8.10pm)**
 - a. Cemetery Working Group.
 - b. Interpretation Boards. To note the arrival of a new notice board.
8. **Boxhill and Rudloe. (8.10pm – 8.15pm)**
 - a. Rudloe Estate 'green space' initiatives. To note the aspiration for a Community Garden – initial quote of £tbc has been received from JR Tree and Landscapes.
9. **Common to all Open Spaces. (8.15pm to 8.30pm)**

- a. Parish-wide tree survey. To review whether Thoday and Lower Common should be included in the survey (omitted in error) at a cost of £1,674 (not in budget).
 - b. Parish-wide meadow grass plan. An update on the recently agreed plans.
 - c. CPRE Best Kept Village. To note the report.
 - d. Open Spaces equipment purchase. To approve the purchase of additional batteries and jet washer (highest priority new purchase) at £982.50 +VAT.
 - e. Neighbourhood Plan. Local Green Space recognition.
10. **Review of Policies (8.35-8.45pm)**
- a. Climate Action Plan – to review.
11. **Items for Discussion.**
- a. Climate Action film. Now scheduled for 28th September 2026.
 - b. Wardens' Meadow. Should the site be reserved as a cemetery over-flow or converted to meadow.
 - c. Gardening service.
12. **Correspondence.** To receive any urgent correspondence.
- a. Wessex Water project 2028-30. Outline proposals now received and to be noted.
 - b. Upper Common correspondence on the mowing plan.
 - c. Cemetery maintenance letter(s) in no mow May.
13. **Forward Plan.** To review and to note the latest Forward Plan, including the Policy matrix and Risk Assessments.
14. **Future Agenda and General reports.** Items of report and future Agenda items
15. **Date of next meeting** – as above, 7pm on Monday 9th November 2026.