WETHERBY TOWN COUNCIL
PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES

Date: **Tuesday 28th July 2026**
Time: **5:00 pm**
Location: **Court Room, Wetherby Town Hall, Market Place, Wetherby, LS22 6NE.**

Present:
Councillor Bradley
Councillor Chapman
Councillor Moss
Councillor Mulhall
Councillor Newcombe (Chair)
Councillor O'Byrne
Councillor Carr

In attendance:
Town Clerk
Facilities Officer
Administration Officer

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1. **Apologies** – None.
Local Government Act 1972, s 85 (3)

2. **Declarations of interests and requests for dispensations** – None.
Localism Act 2011, s31
Members' Code of Conduct, para. 13-18, 19-20

3. **Public participation** – None.
Public bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, s 1 (3)

4. **Minutes.**
Local Government Act 1972, Sch 12, para. 41 (1)
The minutes of the Property Committee meeting, held on *Monday 18th May 2026*, as approved at Full Council on *Tuesday 9th June 2026*, were **RECEIVED**.

5. **Items arising from the last meeting.**

5.1 Sandringham Park Fly-Tipping and hedgerow.
Works to remove the fly-tipped waste have begun. 7 trees have had to be removed in order to undertake the fly-tip clearance however stumps have been left intact in an effort to encourage the trees to re-sprout and maintain the banking.

Organic waste from the clearance has been chipped and will be used to create a natural trail around edge of the hedgerow.

The committee discussed possible deterrents including CCTV, regular photographing of the site as part of site inspections, and signage.

5.2 Planting at Wetherby Show Gardens.
It was **NOTED** that the summer planting at the Garden of Rest and Bridgefoot Gardens has been completed.

The committee discussed future requirements for the development of the show gardens, including the possible purchase of a grow tunnel to grow flowers locally and the installation of an irrigation system.

6. Greenspaces and recreational areas.

6.1 Sports improvements.
The council received a proposal from a member of the public for the installation of new sports equipment for disc golf at Scaur Bank.

The committee received a report indicating provisional costs for disc golf equipment. The committee discussed liability and the previewed risk of theft, damage and vandalism of the equipment. Concern was also expressed that throwing disks across the park may constitute a hazard to other users of the park.

Following a discussion, it was **RESOLVED** that, due to the protentional danger to park users, the committee was not inclined to proceed with this proposal at this time.

7. Cemetery.

7.1 Church on the Corner Survey.
The committee received an update on the refurbishment of the Church on the Corner. Two investors have pledged funding towards the project. Together with the Council's earmarked budget, a total of £30,000 has been secured. External funding would be sought for to meet the remaining costs.

The Committee were advised that the building survey report is being awaited. Initial discussions indicated that repairs were likely to be required to the kitchen, plasterwork and roof in order to prevent water ingress. Electrical and mains testing would also be required. Members queried whether toilet facilities could be installed but noted that further investigation would be needed to ensure any facilities met accessibility requirements.

It was **AGREED** that the Facilities Officer would investigate levels of demand and develop a plan of action for the required repairs and works to the building.

The committee also briefly discussed the possibility of renaming of the Church on the Corner to better reflect its new use. It was **NOTED** that further investigation into whether the Church is consecrated and its future use would be required to take this discussion forward.

7.2 Ash Scattering in the Cemetery.
The Facilities Officer provided an update on options for to develop a sympathetic area for ash scattering.

Members discussed the possibility of relocating the memorial wall. It was noted that there is an empty area behind the memorial wall which has been subjected to vandalism, and that making use of this space could help deter further incidents.

Following a discussion, it was **AGREED** to proceed with exploring the option of using the are on the edge of the cemetery, behind the memorial wall.

8. Facilities Report.
The Committee **RECEIVED** and **NOTED** a verbal report on the management of Wetherby Town Council (WTC) properties and facilities.

Notable items include:

- Gate House – Members were reminded that the Gatehouse planting is sponsored by Wetherby Whaler and is not the responsibility of Wetherby Town Council. WTC has been advised by Leeds City Council to no longer plant up this land.

9. Items for information – None.

10. Next meeting.

The next meeting of the Property Committee will be held on the 29th September 2026.

The meeting closed at 5.55pm.
These minutes were recorded by the Administration Officer and prepared by the Assistant Clerk.