Agenda reporting sheet

Insert the date of meeting here: Thursday 29 October 2026
(Appendix 9)

Agenda Item: Insert wording to appear on the agenda. The recommendation the motion/resolution that you are seeking i.e., "to resolve to…" "To note that …"	To consider feasibility options in relation to land on Plank Lane being used as a Forest School. Recommendation: that the Parish Council looks at the feasibility of using the land on Plank Lane as the base for community project / Forest School.
Background Information: Insert as much information as possible so that councillors have the detail, they need to make an informed decision e.g., cost, time, long term/short term project, where, how, when why??	Land on Plank Lane was given Village Green status as part of the arrangements for the development now known as Warren Gardens by the Dog Inn. There has been significant confusion in relation to the land and the deal and what has been "promised" by developers and former members of the Parish Council. What is known is as follows: • The land remains in the same ownership – not that of the developer or Parish Council. • No commitment has been made by the Parish Council or obligation put upon it to develop or maintain the land. An approach has been made to the Parish Council to see if there is any suitable land within the village which may be developed for use as a Forest School and associated open community use. Forest Schools provide active outdoor learning environments for school children. The land on Plank Lane was previously identified as a potential site for a community garden which would have provided community use, a mental health / mindfulness resource and provide fresh food to food banks and other village mechanisms for supporting those in danger of food

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	poverty. Grant funding was obtained but was returned following threat of complaints raised by village pressure groups. The land remains unused.
Background Documents: Insert names of documents to be sent out with the meeting papers.	• Email

Implications to be completed:		
Staffing Implications		
Council objectives:		
Equalities & Human Rights		
Crime and Disorder		
Biodiversity		

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Financial	There are no financial implications at this stage	
	There will be financial implications	
	There is provision within the budget	
	Decisions may give rise to additional expenditure	
	Decisions may have potential for income generation	
Legal	Power under which the spend can be actioned	
	GDPR - Data Privacy Impact Assessment	
	Other considerations:	
Risk Management		

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