



ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

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Minutes of the First Meeting of the Environment Committee held at **6.30pm** on **Tuesday 11th July 2023** in the Function Room of the Town Hall, Sherwood Drive, New Ollerton

Present: Cllrs D Batey, A Brazier, D Shelton, L Shilling, B Wells

Mrs K Wakefield – Clerk

Mrs J Fletcher – Deputy Clerk

Apologies and reasons for absence: Cllr L Brazier (ex-officio) who was at a NSDC meeting

Resolved: That these apologies be accepted.

Declarations of Members Interests: None

Declarations of any intentions to record the meeting: None

ENV/23/01 To elect the Chairman of the Environment Committee for 2023-2024

Cllr B Wells, being the only person nominated, was unanimously elected as Chair of the Environment Committee for 2023/24.

ENV/23/02 To Elect the Vice-Chairman of the Finance & Audit Committee for 2023-2024

Following the voting process being undertaken, Cllr D Batey was elected as Vice Chair of the Environment Committee for 2023/24.

ENV/23/03 Amenity Space and Play Areas

1. To receive any updates on repairs and maintenance

The Clerk updated all on the outstanding repairs to various play areas. Site visits to all to be arranged.

ENV/23/04 Allotments

1. To receive a report on current tenancy and any other issues

Cllr Batey informed members that following an incident on the North Side allotment site regarding theft of various items of machinery, the ATA had been looking into installing cameras at various points around the site.

OBTC had provided lockable bollards for the site. The Clerk reported that the stolen items had since been recovered by the Police.

The Deputy Clerk informed members that several tenants had been issued with Notice to Quit letters due to the condition of their plots and she was in the process of reletting the now empty plots.

The Clerk was instructed to follow up on the issues with the South Side allotments regarding a contractor to clear an area of the site.

ENV/23/05 Amenity Work – Grass cutting, litter picking, street cleaning etc

1. To receive any relevant updates

The Amenity Team are responding to any issues that are within OBTC control.

The Clerk informed members that an article had been placed in the Roundabout magazine informing residents of what each of the 3 Councils within the Town were responsible for.

Issues have cropped up the footpath from the Dukeries Academy onto Ferndale Field and also with the edge of the field. The Clerk wished to look into the terms of our lease with the District Council and all members agreed that the Clerk be instructed to take this forward.

ENV/23/06 Cemetery

1. To note any issues and receive an update on the cemetery extension

An issue had been reported recently regarding a dog that was in the cemetery off lead.

The Clerk's recent action to place an article in the Roundabout magazine informing members of the public that dogs were not allowed in the Cemetery unless they were on a lead were complemented.

Staff to ensure adequate signage is sited in the cemetery.

Members requested that a walkabout in the Cemetery be arranged by the Clerk.

ENV/23/07 War Memorial Gardens

1. To receive any relevant updates

It was brought to the attention of the Clerk and Deputy Clerk that the flag in the Memorial Gardens was in need of being replaced.

An order is to be placed for a new flag.

ENV/23/08 Date & Time of Next Meeting – Tuesday 12th September 2023 at 6.30pm