



ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment Committee held at **7.00pm** on **Tuesday 14th November 2023** in the Function Room of the Town Hall, Sherwood Drive, New Ollerton

Present: Cllrs B Wells (Chair), D Batey, A Brazier, L Brazier (ex-officio), D Shelton, L Shilling (ex-officio)

Mrs K Wakefield – Clerk

Mrs J Fletcher – Deputy Clerk

Apologies and reasons for absence: Cllr M Staley for personal reasons

Resolved: That these apologies be accepted.

Declarations of Members Interests: None

Declarations of any intentions to record the meeting: None

ENV/23/18 To approve the Minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on Tuesday 12th September 2023

The minutes, having been previously circulated, were signed as a true and correct record.

ENV/23/19 Amenity Space and Play Areas

1. To discuss future actions regarding the timber skatepark ramps

The Clerk updated members that she had received a sample of compressed paper that was suitable for use on the ramps at the skate park, she also had details of companies who may be able to resurface the ramps. A site visit is required with a local joiner.

The options are currently that the ramps are resurfaced or the whole skate park is knocked down and rebuilt. Fencing off the skate park completely from the children's play area was discussed as an option for future discussion.

2. To receive any updates on repairs and maintenance

The drainage works to the roundabout at Central Park play area has now been completed, the only item not working on the site is a panel on the Sutu football game.

Toro matting repairs, Whitewater Park – carpet has been repaired though the surface at the entrance has lifted

The slide is awaiting the board

New date for repairs awaited

Pod seat replacement, Yew Tree Park – awaiting visit from the supplier

ABC park – contractor met on site with the Amenity Foreman and replacement parts will be ordered for equipment. As a goodwill gesture the supplier has also

ordered a number of the smaller parts to be delivered to the Town Hall free of charge.

Cllr L Brazier raised his thoughts on the Millenium Park area which is in Boughton adjacent to the North Side allotments and The Heathers.

Cllr Brazier suggested that this area would be a perfect place to site traditional play equipment and proposed that the Council look at quotations from contractors.

Proposed: Cllr L Brazier **Seconded:** Cllr D Batey
Decision: Unanimous

ENV/23/20 Cemetery

1. To receive any updates regarding the cemetery extension

The Clerk tabled information regarding use for the Cemetery and would discuss with the relevant body the recommended layout for any extension to the Cemetery.

ENV/23/21 Trees

1. To receive an update on recent tree works.

The Clerk informed members that all of the first phase work had now been completed.

ENV/23/22 Amenity Work – Grass cutting, litter picking, street cleaning etc

1. To receive any relevant updates

No problems currently.

ENV/23/23 Mill Field

1. To receive a report from Cllr Beedle regarding a proposed wildflower garden on Mill Field

In the absence of Cllr Beedle, the Clerk gave an update. Cllr Beedle had met with the Chair of OVRA and our Amenity Foreman. It was agreed that we would leave an area to monitor what natural habitation occurs before a decision is made on planting of the area.

ENV/23/24 Allotments

1. To consider an appeal against a Notice to Quit

This item was moved to the confidential part of the meeting.

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

The Deputy Clerk updated members on a request from a local group for a plot to be worked by the group as a whole.

ENV/23/25 War Memorial Gardens

- 1. To receive any relevant updates

All agreed that the War Memorial gardens looked well on Remembrance Sunday.

On behalf of the Ollerton branch of the RBL the Deputy Clerk asked if the Council would consider the cleaning of the memorial and also the Kohima stone.

Following discussion, it was proposed that the Council would obtain quotations and carry out these works.

Proposed:	Cllr A Brazier	Seconded:	Cllr B Wells
Decision:	Unanimous		

In her capacity as the RBL secretary, the Deputy Clerk thanked members for their continued support.

ENV/23/26 Date & Time of Next Meeting – Tuesday 16th January 2024 at 6.30pm

Meeting closed at 7.25pm