



ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment Committee held at **6.30pm** on **Tuesday 17th September 2024** in the Function Room of the Town Hall, Sherwood Drive, New Ollerton

Present: Cllrs B Wells (Chair), D Batey, P Beedle, L Shilling

Mrs K Wakefield – Town Clerk

Apologies and reasons for absence: Cllr M Staley due to work and Cllr L Brazier due to NSDC meeting

Resolved: That these apologies be accepted.

Declarations of Members Interests: None

Declarations of any intentions to record the meeting: None

ENV/24/42 To approve the Minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on Tuesday 6th July 2024 (enclosed).

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

ENV/24/43 Biodiversity

1. To receive any updates from NSDC – Cllr Brazier

Nothing further to report due to Cllr Brazier not being available

ENV/24/44 Mill Field

1. To receive any further updates regarding a proposed wildflower garden on Mill Field

Nothing further to report at present but this matter is ongoing in association with OVRA.

ENV/24/45 Amenity Space and Play Areas

1. To receive any updates on repairs and maintenance.

All scheduled repairs have been completed. Updates on a possible community art project at Central Park are expected shortly from various organisations including Live & Local and NSDC.

ENV/24/46 Trees

1. To receive any relevant updates

The Clerk has contacted the tree surgeon with a view to the next phase of any works highlighted by the survey being carried out during the relevant dormant season.

ENV/24/47 Amenity Work – Grass cutting, litter picking, street cleaning etc

1. To receive any relevant updates

Several compliments have been received from the public regarding the floral displays and state of the town. A call has also been received thanking the Cemetery Amenity Worker for assistance in locating a family grave. These thanks have been passed on to the team. Members agreed it was refreshing to receive praise as the current trend is for constant negative comments on social media.

ENV/24/48 Allotments

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

Cllr Batey reported that OBTC continue to work in partnership with the ATA. Work is ongoing to clear and let neglected plots. Contact has been made with the National Justice Service with regard to assistance in clearing overgrown areas. A full report will be given at Full Council.

ENV/24/50 War Memorial Gardens

1. To receive any relevant updates

The Clerk reported that she was still trying to arrange for the cleaning of the memorial and will chase up local companies who have assisted in the past.

2. To consider granting fishing rights on the Council owned area known as the War Memorial Gardens

Members discussed this request in full including health & safety and potential management issues. It was agreed that there were other facilities in the town and the War Memorial Gardens are not an appropriate place for this sport.

Resolved: that the Clerk write to the resident explaining that this was not possible and fishing would not be allowed.

ENV/24/51 Correspondence

None

ENV/24/52 Date and Time of Next Meeting – Monday 18th November 2024 at 6.30pm