



## ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment Committee held at **6.30pm** on **Monday 18th November 2024** in the Function Room of the Town Hall, Sherwood Drive, New Ollerton

**Present:** Cllrs D Batey (Chair), A Brazier, P Beedle, M Staley

Mrs K Wakefield – Town Clerk      Mrs J Fletcher – Deputy Clerk

**Apologies and reasons for absence:** Cllr R Fazil due to work, L Brazier due to NSDC meeting and B Wells for personal reasons

**Resolved:** That these apologies be accepted.

**Declarations of Members Interests:** None

**Declarations of any intentions to record the meeting:** None

In the absence of the Cllr B Wells (Chair) it was **Resolved:** that Cllr D Batey chair the meeting

**ENV/24/53      To approve the Minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on Tuesday 17th September 2024**

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

**ENV/24/54      Biodiversity**

1. To receive any updates from NSDC – Cllr L Brazier

Nothing further to report due to Cllr Brazier not being available.

**ENV/24/55      Mill Field**

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

The Clerk tabled information and reported that the project was not moving as fast as expected.

Cllr L Brazier was due to speak with NSDC Officers but this has not taken place as yet.

The Clerk informed members that it may be too late to register the site. Unfortunately the correct time to carry out the study has also been missed.

With regards to OVRA, the Clerk was hopeful that what they want to do in the field will fit in with the Biodiversity/Environmental studies.

The field will need to be brought up to the required standard to ensure that any possible builders can make a contribution which will then hopefully provide an income to the Town Council.

The Clerk will take the project forward for the foreseeable time and, with assistance from the Deputy Clerk, will continue to work on this project and keep all members updated.

#### **ENV/24/56     Amenity Space and Play Areas**

1. To consider the installation of a Youth Shelter at Central Park

The Deputy Clerk tabled information on sizes and costings from various suppliers, flooring costs to be obtained.

Following discussion it was

**Resolved:** that the Clerk arrange a meeting with the users, the CPSO and members on site.

2. To receive updates regarding skatepark facilities

The Clerk recommended a consultation be arranged with users, contractors and ActiveNotts.

3. To receive any relevant updates on repairs and maintenance

There had been a few issues recently but these are being dealt with.

#### **ENV/24/57     Trees**

1. To receive an update from the Town Clerk and agree future actions

Various works had been highlighted and carried out recently.  
Communication has been slow with the tree surveyor and the tree surgeon.  
Survey to be updated regularly by the surveyor then the surgeon can carry out the works.

A resident had brought to the attention of the Clerk that a tree in the cemetery now had roots affecting his front garden/garage.

The Clerk will ask the tree surveyor to look at the issue and will also be taking professional advice.

#### **ENV/24/58     Amenity Work – Grass cutting, litter picking, street cleaning etc**

1. To receive any relevant updates

The Amenity Team are all working well and as well as siting the 'Tommies' around the town had also produced displays themselves in time for the Remembrance Parade and Service.

**ENV/24/59 Allotments**

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

There are currently 3 empty plots which are awaiting clearance.

The Probation Services have been approached and using the Community Payback scheme it is hoped that they will be able to clear the empty plots. It is a long process to implement this.

They would be available to work 7 days a week.

The Council do not need to insure their team as they are being supervised by the Probation staff who will also produce their own Risk Assessments.

Toilet/welfare facilities need to be provided and a local company has been approached regarding this. A skip will also be required.

Issue regarding rat boxes on the plots. The gates to each plot are not being left open as requested and tenants are placing the boxes themselves outside the plots. This issue is to be addressed via the Allotment Tenant Association.

**ENV/24/60 War Memorial Gardens**

1. To receive any relevant updates

It was noted that the lettering on the memorials had not been done. To be looked into.

**ENV/24/61 Date and Time of Next Meeting – Monday 11th February 2025 at 6.30pm**