



ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment Committee held at **6pm** on **Tuesday 16th September 2025** in the Function Room of the Town Hall, Sherwood Drive, New Ollerton

Present: Cllrs M Staley (vice chair), D Batey, J Munroe, L Shilling

Mrs K Wakefield – Clerk

Mr P Munday – Admin Assistant

Steve Long – OVRA

Apologies and reasons for absence: Cllr P Beedle due to work and Cllrs L Brazier & A Brazier for personal reasons.

Resolved: That these apologies be noted

Declarations of Members Interests: None

Declarations of any intentions to record the meeting: None

ENV/25/43 To approve the Minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on Tuesday 15th July 2025 (enclosed).

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

ENV/25/44 Amenity Work – Grass cutting, litter picking, street cleaning etc

1. To receive any relevant updates

The Clerk reported that one of the seasonal workers ended his employment early due to finding employment elsewhere.

Extra work has been taken on at Forest View Academy on a temporary basis due to staffing issues at the school.

Football pitch line marking work was recently carried out at Forest View Academy by our Amenity Team. This was made possible by the kind donation of line marking paint to the school by Ollerton Town Football Club.

Councillors commented on the impressive display of the hanging baskets and planters around the town and praised the efforts of the amenity team in looking after them. The Clerk reported that there has been a lot of positive feedback from members of the public regarding the baskets and planters.

ENV/25/45 Mill Field

1. To receive any relevant updates

The Clerk tabled information from Natural England and Steve Long from OVRA gave a brief update on the plans to convert part of Mill Field into grassland, and reported that OVRA is prepared to fund the seeds and provide volunteers to carry out the work if needed. He will also make contact with local farmers to aid in providing the equipment necessary to prepare the land. Following the conversation it was

Resolved: That Steve Long and OVRA move forward with the project and The Council will assist wherever they can.

Proposed: Cllr D Batey **Seconded:** Cllr J Munroe

Decision: Unanimous

Steve Long left the meeting at this point.

ENV/25/46 Amenity Space and Play Areas

1. To receive an update on the installation of a Youth Shelter at Central Park

The Clerk reported that the base has been installed and we are awaiting confirmation from the suppliers on delivery and installation.

2. To receive any relevant updates on repairs and maintenance.

The Clerk reported that the recent graffiti attack on Central Park had been logged with Nottinghamshire Police and Newark & Sherwood District Council are unable to assist with the removal due to the amount of graffiti and the time needed to remove it.

The use of anti-graffiti paint to cover it up and putting on a graffiti art project session were suggested. The Clerk and Councillors to meet on site to discuss options.

The issue of CCTV provision was raised. The Clerk stated that this will be added to the next Full Council agenda.

ENV/25/47 Cemetery

1. To receive any relevant updates

The Clerk reported that we are still awaiting updates from solicitors regarding the purchase of land for the cemetery extension. Quotes were needed for works to pathways due to tree root damage.

General upkeep and maintenance works are ongoing.

ENV/25/48 War Memorial Gardens

1. To receive any relevant updates

The Clerk reported that no response had been received from local funeral directors regarding assistance in redoing lettering on the memorial and Kohima stone. Admin Assistant to contact local memorial masons for possible quotes for work.

ENV/25/49 St Giles Churchyard (Closed)

1. To receive any relevant updates

The Clerk gave a brief update on the intention of the Church to install a lift, and the recent tree works carried out. All other maintenance and general upkeep is ongoing.

ENV/25/50 Allotments

1. To receive a report on current tenancy

The Clerk reported that a new Chair and Vice Chair have been appointed by the Tenants Association and had met with them earlier in the day. A meeting of the ATA was being held, but clashed with this meeting so Clerk and Councillors unable to attend.

Updates were given with regards to the policy on tools and equipment left on the allotments and the need for the registering of poultry by individual tenants with DEFRA.

ENV/25/51 Trees

1. To receive any updates from the Town Clerk

No issues reported, all necessary works ongoing.

ENV/25/52 Biodiversity & Environmental Issues

1. To receive updates on the NSDC “Greening” project.

The Clerk reported that the project is ongoing and planting appears to have taken nicely.

ENV/25/53 Date and Time of Next Meeting – Tuesday 4th November 2025 at 6pm

Meeting concluded 19:30