

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 2025 AT THE PARISH CENTRE, ST. MARY'S ROAD, LITTLE HAYWOOD COMMENCING AT 7:30PM.

PRESENT (For all or part of the meeting): Cllr Bloor (Vice Chair); Cllr Dunn (Deputising for Cllr Upton-Loach); Cllr B Forster; Cllr M Forster, Cllr Meakin and Cllr Mosley.

IN ATTENDANCE: Revd Mr M Lennon FSLCC (Chief Officer).

PUNLIC PARTICIPATION: No members of the public were present.

MINUTES

Cllr Bloor (Vice Chairman) chaired the meeting in the absence of Cllr Upton-Loach.

20/25E APOLOGIES were received from Cllr Upton-Loach (away).

RESOLVED to accept the reasons for absence.

PROPOSED Cllr M Forster SECONDED Cllr Meakin On being put to the vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

21/25E There were no DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

The Chief Officer reminded Cllrs of their obligations to declare interests both for themselves as well as for family members and close acquaintances, especially if the interest is a pecuniary one. Failure to declare a pecuniary interest could, on conviction, result in a Level 5 fine and up to 5-years prohibition from being a Cllr.

- 22/25E There were no WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS.
- 24/25E GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE WORKING GROUP.

The Chairman moved this item up the agenda.

RESOLVED to set up a Group, to meet mid-way between Environment Committee meetings to consider the development of the Remembrance Garden, to consist of the 6 Committee Councillors, the Chief Officer and the Lengthsmen.

Note: This Group would not have decision making powers.

RESOLVED that this Group meets at the Remembrance Field at 11am on the 23rd October 2025.

PROPOSED Cllr Bloor

SECONDED Cllr Mosley.

On being put to the vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

23/25E "CHANGE OF USE" FOR THE PLATINUM GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE.

RESOLVED to proceed with an application as soon as possible.

PROPOSED Cllr M Forster

SECONDED Cllr B Forster.

On being put to the vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

25/25E THE NEXT STEPS FOR THE PLATINUM GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE.

RESOLVED to request the Chairman of the Council to contact the Architect, on a regular basis, to pursue the Change of Use and Planning applications.

RESOLVED to speak to a grounds work company to see what works they could undertake as part of their Community Programme.

RESOLVED to decide which works could proceed without the need for Planning Permission, and to proceed with these elements, and which works would require Planning Permission.

PROPOSED Cllr Bloor

SECONDED Cllr B Forster.

On being put to the vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

26/25E THE PROPOSED BUDGET REQUIREMENTS FOR 2026/27.

RESOLVED to request the Full Council to create a new Memorial Garden account and to transfer in £4,000 from 315 Footpaths Capital Reserve.

RESOLVED to forward a budget request, for consideration by the Finance Committee, of:

Green Infrastructure Plan – to return the total to £5,000 Allotments - £1,600 plus £175 contingency fund Memorial Garden - £2,000 Benches - £2,000

PROPOSED Cllr Bloor

SECONDED Cllr B Forster.

On being put to the vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

32/25E DATE OF NEXT MEETING to be at 8pm on 20th October 2025.

Meeting closed at 9:00pm