



## MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 07 AUGUST 2024

### Those present :

Chair : Cllr W Tinley  
Vice-Chair : Cllr H Laws  
Councillors : Cllr S Clough, Cllr J Sherman, Cllr J Windle  
Officers : Mrs J France

### ENV265 Chair's Announcements

There were no announcements.

### ENV266 Apologies for Absence

Apologies have been received from Cllr C Lacey.

### ENV267 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary & Other Interests

a) To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests and personal and prejudicial interests from members on matters to be considered at the meeting in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 (section 30 to 33). Officers are required to make a formal declaration about council contracts where the employee has a financial interest in accordance with the LGA 1972, s117.

None received.

b) To receive, consider and record Councillors requests for dispensation (Section 13 Localism Act 2011) in connection with items on this agenda. Applications for this must be made in writing to the Clerk prior to the meeting.

None received.

### ENV268 Adjournment for Public Participation

- To adjourn the meeting for 15 minutes to allow members of the public 3 minutes each to make representation on the business of the agenda for the meeting. No resolutions can be made under public participation.

No members of the public were present.

### ENV269 Exclusion of the Press and Public - Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings Act) 1960

- To consider and resolve any agenda items that require the exclusion of the Press and Public in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 for matters appertaining to confidential or exempt information.

**RESOLVED: That the press and public should be excluded from items 13 and 14 due to residents information being discussed.**

### ENV270 Minutes from the previous meeting

a) To approve the draft minutes of the meeting held on 12th June 2024.

**RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 12th June 2024 are a true and accurate record.**

b) To receive an update on any ongoing issues not covered as an agenda item.

A written report had been circulated with the agenda pack.

The Deputy Clerk noted that the tree survey would now take place week beginning 19th August. The surveyor from Outline Trees did not need anyone to go around the sites with him as he had all the locations mapped out. The Deputy Clerk had discussed with him trees which had been reported by residents as being of concern.

CLLrs Tinley and Clough gave a further update on St Giles Churchyard:  
A meeting of the volunteers was held at the churchyard and Killamarsh Conservation Group are willing to help out with some of the smaller jobs that need doing if NEDDC will complete the larger works. The group would like some of the covered over footpath to be re-instated. Cllr Tinley has made enquiries with Derbyshire Probation Service about helping out and also with the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme. The Deputy Clerk has contacted NEDDC to arrange a meeting with the volunteer group.

**ENV271 Policies**

a) To consider and approve any amendments needed to the KPC22 Playground Management Policy.

**RESOLVED: That the KPC22 Playground Management Policy is approved.**

b) To consider and approve any amendments needed to the KPC40 Memorial Dedication Policy.

**RESOLVED: That the KPC40 Memorial Dedication Policy is approved.**

**ENV272 Health & Safety**

- To consider and approve any amendments needed to the DRAFT Playground Risk Assessment.

It was agreed to add 'vandalism' into the risk box for play equipment and to add that a police report will be made if vandalism occurs into the 'controls' box. The Parish Council may consider the installation of CCTV at playgrounds in the future to deter anti-social behaviour and vandalism.

**RESOLVED: That the Playground Risk Assessment is approved.**

**ENV273 Litter & Dog Bins**

- To consider and approve a request from a resident to install a dog bin at the bottom of Ashley Lane by the sign post leading to the path.

The Committee thought that it would be an ideal place for a dog bin. Cllr Laws and Tinley will check with nearby residents that they have no objections and then an order would be placed with NEDDC.

**RESOLVED: That the installation of a dog bin at the bottom of Ashley Lane is approved subject to any feedback from nearby residents.**

**ENV274 Village Green**

- To consider and approve the installation of some additional planters or trees at the Village Green to help prevent parking.

The Committee said they had received positive feedback about the planters and how nice they

look. It was agreed that they are somewhat of a deterrent to parking, however some vehicles were still managing to park in a couple of areas, which was both damaging to the trees and had on occasion prevented the grounds maintenance contractor from cutting the grass. There was a discussion around some negative feedback Cllr Clough had received about the no parking signs, however the Committee agreed that it was important to protect the Green as a pleasant green space for the Village.

**RESOLVED: That 5 additional planters be purchased for the Village Green, along with 2 for outside the Community Hub on Stanley Street.**

**ENV275 Climate Change**

- To consider a request regarding a NALC and SLCC campaign about lithium batteries from Ron Bailey who is the researcher for Lord (Don) Foster, who has been campaigning on this issue in the House of Lords. Ron is also the parliamentary advisor to Electrical Safety First, a UK Charity dedicated to reducing the deaths and injuries caused by electricity. The request has gone out to all local government associations and further details are attached.

The Committee agreed that the safe use and disposal of lithium batteries was a very important issue and were happy to the Council to write to Ron Bailey to express the support of his campaign. They would also like some posters or other relevant materials that encourage people in safe use of the batteries.

**RESOLVED: To write to Ron Bailey in support of the campaign and ask if he could send some relevant promotional materials.**

**ENV276 Parish Council Land**

- To consider and approve any action needed with regards to a parcel of land belonging to Killamarsh Parish Council that is adjacent to Ebenezer Gospel Hall.

This was discussed in closed session and the next steps were agreed.

**ENV277 Birchlands**

- To discuss the natural borders around Birchlands Park and decide on any required action following requests from two residents.

**RESOLVED: For the Committee to have a site visit to Birchlands Park to look at the reported issues.**

**ENV278 Allotments**

- To discuss the recent site visit by the Committee and agree any necessary action.

This was discussed in closed session and the necessary action was agreed.

**ENV279 Items for discussion for a future agenda**

- Trees overhanging the cemetery path from adjoining land.
- A welcome to Killamarsh sign at the entrance to the Village.

**ENV280 Date of the Next Council Meeting**

- Wednesday 16th October 2024