

Gordon Bennett Memorial Hall, Green Arbour Road, Thurcroft, Rotherham, S66 9DD

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Minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held Thursday 6th March 2025

Present Councillors: D. Oxley (Chair), H. Bell, V. Burford, T. Murphy, C. Walker, A. Winsborough (6 councillors present)

Apologies were received from Councillors: None

Absent: None

There were no members of the public in attendance.

The meeting started at 6.30pm

RE/2025/021 To receive and approve reasons for absence

None to receive.

RE/2025/022 To receive declarations of personal and pecuniary interestⁱ from members or officers

No declarations of personal or pecuniary interest were received.

RE/2025/023 To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any)

No written requests for dispensation had been received.

RE/2025/024 To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate

There were no requests of dispensation to grant.

RE/2025/025 To receive and approve the minutes of the meetings of the Environment Committee held on Thursday 16th January 2025

Resolved:- The Committee raised no matters on the minutes, and approved them as an accurate record of the previous committee meeting. The Chairman signed each page of the minutes to be held on file.

<u>Voting:-</u> 6 councillors present. All voted in favour.

RE/2025/026 To identify any agenda items which may be considered following the exclusion of the press and public, due to the confidential nature to be discussed. Under Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, S1 (2))

The Clerk advised that Item 35 is to be held in confidential session due to the nature of the business to be discussed.

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RE/2025/027 Public Participation Session

There were no public present at the meeting.

RE/2025/028 To receive an update regarding snow equipment for the parish council

Resolved: Clerk advised that snow shovels have been requested from RMBC, as equipment will be provided to Parish Councils for free. Clerk has also requested a grit bin for the Gordon Bennett Memorial Hall car park and is awaiting response from RMBC.

RE/2025/029 To note an update on the notice boards and consider any further action

Deputy Clerk was to meet with RMBC yesterday to discuss placement of the notice board. RMBC did not turn up. Deputy to rearrange meeting.

RE/2025/030 To note an update from the working group regarding the refurbishment of Thurcroft Park.

Ideas for the regeneration of Thurcroft park are as follows:

A big slide

A zip line

Equipment for the under 5's

A climbing rope pyramid

Play equipment for wheelchair users and pushchair users.

Fencing all around that can be locked up

More seating, including a covered area for picnics

Resolved: Before the new park can be actioned Clerk to investigate grants for the work. Clerk to get quotes to move the existing shelter to the back of the Gordon Bennett to make space for the new play equipment.

RE/2025/031 To note an update on the memorial stone and to consider any further action Resolved: Deputy is obtaining quotes to transport stone from stone mason to

location required.

RE/2025/032 To receive the latest Playground Inspection report and consider any further action

The recent playground inspection reports from Monday 10th February 2025 were discussed. A swing at Hangsman Lane has been identified as broken and needs

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replacing. Clerk has already requested the swing to be replaced by RMBC at a cost of £60.00. The roundabout at Brampton has been raised from low risk to moderate risk. **Resolved:** Clerk to obtain quotes to replace roundabout and flooring at Brampton. Swing has already been replaced.

RE/2025/033 To request an update regarding painting Brampton playground by the payback team

Resolved: Clerk has contacted the payback team and is awaiting a timescale for the work. Also chased the payback team regarding painting the skate park and the Gordon Bennett Memorial Hall.

RE/2025/034 To receive an update for the Horticulture Contract and consider any further actions

A meeting was held with KMAC on the 12th February to discuss the contract. Minutes of the meeting have been sent to KMAC with our recommendations and expectations on for the summer flowers. A further meeting has been arranged for the 10th April before planting takes place.

RE/2025/035 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION - To receive an update regarding a working schedule for an employee

Resolved:- Clerk has had a meeting with employee, employee is now completing timesheets with roads cleaned and number of bags of rubbish collected. Employee knows not to fetch rubbish back to Gordon Bennett, and to notify Clerk to arrange Streetpride to collect. Clerk asked for Laughton Common to be cleaned once a month, employee has already done this this week. Clerk to shadow employee Wednesday 12th March and observe the work being done.

RE/2025/036 To notify the clerk of matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting

T. Murphy requested more lighting on the rec, as a MOP has mentioned being reluctant to use the path on the rec at night. Limetree Avenue to Sorn Moore pavement holes need addressing. A community skip to be arranged at a future date.

RE/2025/37 To confirm the date and time of the next Recreation and Environment Committee to be held on Thursday 1st May at 6:30pm in the Council Chamber of the Gordon Bennett Memorial Hall

The Committee noted the time and date of the next committee meeting.

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The meeting closed at 7.44pm.

