

**Minutes of the meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee**  
**Held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 2pm**

**Present:** Cllr L. Deighton, Cllr M. Emmens Cllr M. Ireland and Cllr P. Jones (Chair)

**In attendance:** J. Mitchell (Town Clerk), M. Keys (Assistant Clerk) and P. Duncan (Outside Services Team Leader)

**1. Apologies**

Cllr. A. Foster sent her apologies.

**2. Declaration of interests**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. Minutes of the last meeting**

Members reviewed the minutes of the last Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024.

It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024 as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

**4. Community Orchard**

Members received an update regarding the planting of the Community Orchard.

It was RESOLVED to note that the Community Orchard will be planted with the Cubs on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

**5. Biodiversity Audit Recommendations**

Members discussed recommendations from the Biodiversity Audit carried out by Derbyshire Wildlife Trust on behalf of the Council.

It was RESOLVED to implement the revisions to Bio Diversity Policy, including councillor training on biodiversity net gain and a commitment to update the Neighbourhood Plan.

It was RESOLVED to implement the revisions to the Policy on Management of Trees & Hedges.

It was RESOLVED to introduce a reduced mowing regime (two cuts – March & September) within identified areas Lea Brook Valley and Fanshawe Bank.

It was RESOLVED not to install insect hotels within the Cemetery, Cliffe Park and/or the community orchard.

It was RESOLVED to implement log piles in the Nature Park, play areas and Lea Brook Valley using wood from future or previous tree maintenance.

It was RESOLVED to implement nature rich spaces/rewilding in trial areas on land boundaries at Cemetery Road, Birches Fold and Dronfield Woodhouse.

It was RESOLVED to accept the quote of £460.64 for the Habitat Survey for Cliffe Park and Jubilee Park for the 2025/26 budget.

It was RESOLVED to accept the quote of £834.752 for the Ecological Appraisal and Management Plan for Cliffe Park and Jubilee Park for the 2025/26 budget.

#### **6. NEDDC Recycling**

Members discussed an update received from NEDDC regarding new legislation for recycling and the implications for the Town Council.

It was RESOLVED to note the update and obtain waste recycling quotes to calculate the cost of compliance with the new legislation.

#### **7. Leabrook Valley Maps**

Members discussed the replacement of the Leabrook Valley maps perspex.

It was RESOLVED to replace the map perspex where required, in consultation with the Chair and review the maps in other locations as well.

#### **8. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be organised as and when required.

Meeting closed at 2:44pm