



## **Environment & Open Spaces Committee**

The Committee must at all times consider its duty to Best Value, Equal Opportunities (race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability), Law and Order, Health and Safety and Human Rights.

**Membership of the Committee shall consist of Six (6) Members with a Quorum of Three (3) and has the Power to Decide / Act and Power to Spend but only on issues relating to Health and Safety or if Environmental matters then up to the limit set in the Annual Budget under that heading. Meetings shall be held at least six (6) times per year.**

**The terms of reference of the Environment & Open Spaces Committee are:**

- The development and maintenance of the parks & open spaces for the benefit and enjoyment of the parishioners;
- The maintenance and development of the play spaces and Green Gym at the Recreation Ground;
- The maintenance, development and updating of a management plan for the Kendal Park Nature Reserve and the management of the Reserve in accordance with that plan and statutory obligations;
- To consider the acceptance of other open spaces onto the Parish charge and to make recommendations to full Council;
- To develop a programme of speakers to visit the Committee to improve Members knowledge and awareness and advise on options for the management of parks and open spaces and local environmental issues etc.;
- To manage and maintain the Rose Garden;
- To manage and maintain the seating area in front of Hullbridge Garden Centre
- To oversee the planting in Open Spaces and annual Hanging Baskets.
- To manage and maintain the War Memorial
- To address environmental considerations, such as litter, recycling, emissions, flooding etc. and work with relevant authorities to address these.



- To investigate the provision of outside projects for the Community such as “Mens Sheds”.
- To manage the cleaning and maintenance of public toilets under the councils remit.
- To work towards reducing the Councils carbon footprint.
- To recommend an annual budget to the Finance Committee and in conjunction with the Clerk/RFO to monitor its functions and Income/Expenditure.
- Three members which includes both, the Chair and Vice Chair will make emergency decisions for items, including financial matters directly relating to the above Committee , when , for whatever reason (but only as a matter of urgency) it is not possible for the Committee to meet. During recess the Chair/Vice Chair will in conjunction with the Clerk/ RFO make decisions on behalf of the Committee. All decisions made will be reported back at the next meeting of the Committee.

### **Reporting**

To Report to Full Council on all aspects of the Committees Work