



Hullbridge Parish Council

Environment & Open Spaces Committee

Held on Wednesday 12 02 2025

7.00 pm

Hullbridge Parish Council Office, 98 Ferry Road, Hullbridge, SS5 6EX

Members present: Cllr D. Flack; Cllr J. O'Brien; Cllr S. Walsh; Cllr K. Charters; Cllr A. Marriott.

Staff present: Mrs Nicola Harding

Visiting: Cllr K. O'Brien

Minutes

Cllr Flack agreed to Chair the meeting in the absence of the Committee Chair and Vice-Chair.

30/02/25 Apologies

30.1/02/25 – None.

31/02/25 Approval of Minutes

31.1/02/25 RESOLVED - Minutes of the meeting held on **13th November 2024** were approved as a true record of the Committee meeting.

32/02/25 Declarations of Interest / Dispensations

32.1/02/25 - None.

33/02/25 Public Participation

33.1/02/25 No public attended.

Cllr Marriott arrived at 7.10pm

34/02/25 Hullbridge Goes Green/Eco Audit

34.1/02/25 – The Clerk gave a brief update. Councillors will continue to consider further green projects in 2025-26.

35/02/25 General Maintenance Officer Report

35.1/02/25 RESOLVED - Councillors *received* and *noted* the report. Councillors discussed concerns regarding the squirrel population in Kendal Park and the potential impact of increased numbers on the local bird population. Cllr Flack proposed that an email be sent to the District Council to request further information on methods of squirrel population control. Clerk to **ACTION**.

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36.1/02/24 RESOLVED – Councillors *received* a verbal update on

- Recreation Ground
- Kendal Park NR - *New dog waste bag dispensers have proved popular.*
- River Footpath/ Footpaths



- Pooles Lane Car Park – *CCTV roll out scheduled for April.*
- Rose Garden – *The Parish maintenance staff are currently refurbishing the Crouch Harbour information sign.*
- Hullbridge Garden Association Seating Area
- War Memorial

37/02/25 Recycling

37.1/02/25 RESOLVED – Councillor Charters provided an overview of soft plastics recycling, also known as terracycling, and highlighted the need for additional recycling points within the village. The Clerk informed the meeting that an officer from Rochford District Council had previously discussed the possibility of providing such points at the council office. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Rochford District Council to follow up on this matter and to obtain information on other recycling points in the area, as well as a poster to help raise awareness among residents. Clerk to **ACTION.**

38/02/25 Policies and Procedures

38.1/02/25 – None

39/02/25 Action Plan and Budget

39.1/02/25 RESOLVED – Councillors *reviewed* the Action Plan, amendments were noted and will be actioned by the Clerk. Clerk to **ACTION.**

40/02/25 Date of the next Meeting

40.1/02/25 Cllr Marriott requested that a meeting be arranged for the maintenance staff to visit Barling Magna Nature Reserve and for their team to visit Kendal Park Nature Reserve. The Clerk advised the arrangements for this were already in progress.

40.2/02/25 Next meeting: 9th April 2025 19.00hrs at the Parish Council Office.

Meeting Closed 19:35hrs

Nicola Harding – Clerk

Chairman _____

Date _____