



Hullbridge Parish Council

Environment & Open Spaces Committee

Held on Wednesday 30 09 2026

7.00 pm

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

Members present: Cllr J. O'Brien (Chair) , Cllr K. O'Brien , Cllr A. Marriott, Cllr S. Walsh, Cllr P. White.

Visiting: Cllr. D. Elwell

Staff present: Mrs Nicola Harding

Minutes

14/09/26 Apologies

14.1/09/26 – Apologies from Cllr I. Kenlin were *noted*.

15/09/26 Approval of Minutes

15.1/09/26 RESOLVED - Minutes of the meeting held on **30th June 2026** were approved as a true record of the Committee meeting.

16/09/26 Declarations of Interest / Dispensations

16.1/09/26 - None.

17/09/26 Public Participation

17.1/09/26 No public attended.

18/09/26 Essex Wildlife Trust

18.1/09/26 Councillors *noted* the report provided detailing the visit to Kendal Park by John Attiwell, Community Ranger from the Essex Wildlife Trust. The Clerk and Chair highlighted the positive impact of the visit and the valuable connections established through John, which could support future opportunities for community engagement and the management of the Park. Councillors *agreed* to support the proposed "Winter Walk" in conjunction with John Attiwell, with a provisional date of 23 January 2027 agreed. It was agreed that details of the event would be promoted to residents via the Council's social media channels and noticeboards nearer the time. Clerk to **ACTION**.

19/09/26 Wild About Hullbridge

19.1/09/26 – Councillors *noted* that the winners had been selected by Cllrs K. O'Brien and S. Naish. The Clerk confirmed that she was in the process of contacting the winners to arrange delivery of their prizes. The Clerk also advised that arrangements were being made for a local display of the artwork received, with details to be publicised as soon as arrangements had been confirmed. Clerk to **ACTION**.

20/09/26 General Maintenance Officer Report

20.1/09/26 Councillors *received* the report.



21/09/26 Open Spaces Hullbridge

21.1/09/26 RESOLVED – Councillors *received* a verbal update on

- Recreation Ground
- Kendal Park NR
- River Footpath/ Footpaths
- Pooles Lane Car Park
- Rose Garden
- Hullbridge Garden Association Seating Area
- War Memorial

21.2/09/26 Councillors *agreed* that the planters outside the shops near the bottom end of Ferry Road be covered over.

21.3/09/26 Councillors *noted* the work experience student will return to complete the hours required for his second year later in Autumn 2026.

21.4/09/26 Councillors *noted* that remedial actions on the Green Gym highlighted on the ROSPA report have now been carried out, the condition of the gym will continue to be monitored. Councillors *noted* the maintenance team carry out twice weekly visual inspections, regular operational inspection of the equipment are carried out with RDC and the ROSPA report provided by RDC will be reviewed annually.

21.5/09/26 Councillors *noted* there was no information to date on the RDC proposed play equipment for Pooles Lane Recreation Ground and *agreed* a discussion in conjunction with the 2027-28 budget would be required should an official approach be received.

21.6/09/26 Councillors *noted* tree works recommended in the survey carried out in July have now complete.

22/09/26 Action Plan and Budget

22.1/09/26 RESOLVED – Councillors reviewed the current budget spend and budget lines. Councillors *reviewed* the Action Plan.

23/09/26 Date of the next Meeting

23.1/09/26 Councillors were *advised* to forward any items for the next Agenda to the Clerk.

23.2/09/26 **Next meeting: 10th February 2027 19.00hrs** at the Parish Council Office.

Meeting Closed 19:32hrs Nicola Harding – Clerk

Chairman _____

Date _____