

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE OF FEATHERSTONE TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, VICTORIA STREET, FEATHERSTONE ON WEDNESDAY 11TH MARCH 2026 AT 5.30PM.

Present: Councillor P Belbin, Councillor S Haslam, Councillor H Symons and Councillor S Vickers

In Attendance: Mrs. V Symons (Town Clerk) and Leanne Murphy (Town Council Administrator)

561/26 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	Action	Actioned By
Councillor Vickers welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor J Hutsby, Councillor M Isherwood, Councillor D Longley, Councillor P McIntosh, Councillor R Taylor and Councillor M Tenannt-King It was: RESOLVED: To accept apologies for absence from all members who had submitted apologies prior to the meeting.		

562/26 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION	Action	Actioned By
The meeting is to be opened for the public to address Members on matters relevant to the business of the committee. However, residents cannot take part in the main proceedings of the meeting, this is strictly limited to Councillors.		

56326 MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	Action	Actioned By
To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests and other interests from Councillors on matters to be considered at the meeting. The disclosure must include the nature of the interest. If you become aware, during the course of a meeting, of an interest that has not been disclosed under this item you must immediately disclose it. Whether you can remain in the meeting and the extent to which you can participate depends on the type of interest you have.		

564/26 PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960	Action	Actioned By
To consider, if thought fit, a resolution under the terms of the Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960 that the press and public be excluded from any part of the meeting by reason of the confidential nature of the business being transacted.		

565/26 MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING	Action	Actioned By
It was:	To be placed on the Town Council website	LM

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RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 15 th January 2026 are deferred to the next meeting for approval.		
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566/26 UPDATE ON PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER	Action	Actioned By
Members to note Wakefield Council put out an online survey for the whole of the district to have the Public Spaces Protection Order. The Clerk will keep this item on the Agenda as there will be a wait to find out what the outcome of the survey is. To be placed on the next agenda for any further updates.	Keep on agenda	VS

567/26 WARD MAP OF BIN PLACEMENTS	Action	Actioned By
Members requested that this item is placed on the next agenda for further discussion.	Councillors to check their ward against the digital image and report back to the next meeting.	All Councillors

568/26 FEATHERSTONE IN BLOOM	Action	Actioned By
Members to note that the planters for 2026 are to be delivered the last week in May.		

569/26 20MPH SPEED LIMITS	Action	Actioned By
Any update from the District Councillors will be provided at the meeting. Councillor Haslam gave an update as a feasibility study had been carried out on the traffic in Streethouse. Councillor Haslam hadn't had time to digest the report in full however from the sections that had been read it showed that in general, traffic levels are low and there are few accidents. Councillor Haslam will report back further once he has the report in full. Councillor Haslam also reported that a survey will be taking place with regards to a crossing at Purston Park. There was a report take place previously however, there has been significant changes since this was carried out, such as the veteran's hub opening, more homes build and with this there needs to be a safe route to the local schools. Councillor Vickers presented members with information on the pros and cons of 20MPH zones. Councillor Vickers, thanked Councillor Haslam for the work that he is undertaking with regards to 20MPH areas.	Keep on agenda	VS

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It was requested to keep this item on the agenda.		
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570/26 UPCOMING STREETWORKS REPORT	Action	Actioned By
The upcoming street works report was presented to members. This was for information only.		

571/26 URGENT MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION NO DECISIONS CAN BE MADE	Action	Actioned By
The Town Clerk reported that she had attended the Town & Parish Liaison group online. There were 2 items that were brought up in the meeting that would be of use to the Council. a) Dog fouling stencils – If there are any areas in member's wards where there is a lot of dog fouling then if Councillors report this to the office, a request can be placed to have the stencils placed on the pavement. This isn't permanent however now that the weather has improved slightly the work can be carried out. b) Fly Tipping – It was reported at the meeting that residents must use reputable companies to take away any unwanted goods/rubbish to try and prevent fly-tipping. If there was evidence of a name/address then the resident can be prosecuted. This is just a reminder to all to make sure that the correct documentation is seen.		

572/26 CLOSURE	Action	Actioned By
The meeting closed at 17.44		