

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE OF FEATHERSTONE TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, VICTORIA STREET, FEATHERSTONE ON WEDNESDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 2025 AT 6.30PM.

Present: Councillor P Belbin, Councillor S Haslam, Councillor M Isherwood, Councillor D Longley, Councillor H Symons, Councillor C Tennant, Councillor M Tennant-King and Councillor S Vickers

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

237/25 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	Action	Actioned By
Councillor Vickers welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor P McIntosh (annual leave) and Councillor R Taylor (annual leave) It was: RESOLVED: To accept apologies for absence from all members who had submitted apologies prior to the meeting.		

238/25 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.		

239/25 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.		

240/25 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.		

241/25 MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING	Action	Actioned By
It was: RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on Thursday 12th August 2025,	To be placed on the Town Council website	LM

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Minute Numbers 90/25 to 105/25 are approved as a true record and signed the by the chairman.		
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242/25 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.		

243/25 WARD MAP OF BIN PLACEMENTS	Action	Actioned By
Attached to the agenda was a current list of bin placements in the Ward 6 area. The list was difficult to read and members requested that this image is sent digitally. It was requested that members take a look at the list individually for their ward and report back to a future meetings with their findings.	Councillors to check their ward against the digital image and report back to the next meeting.	All Councillors

244/25 20MPH SPEED LIMITS	Action	Actioned By
Following on from the June meeting, the Town Clerk requested from Wakefield a list locations where 20MPH zones were being looked into. The response from Wakefield was, that if there are any areas that need to be looked at in the Town we need to provide the following: Have you contacted the police? What Happened? --- Location and Enquiry Details Why do you feel that traffic calming is required? Are you aware of any traffic incidents at this location? Only then will our request be logged. Member's thoughts are requested.	Office to order 2 new pads for the	

245/25 COMMUNITY ACTION DAY	Action	Actioned By
Councillor S Haslam requested this item to be on the agenda. Further information was attached to the agenda for members.		

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Councillor Haslam explained that Wakefield are assisting with community based litter picks and can assist with the skips. Councillor Isherwood advised that this had been trialled before and the skips were overflowing and litter ended up being all over the area where the skips were placed. Councillor Haslam felt that this item was a non-starter and would report back to Wakefield.		
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246/25 COMMUNITY GARDEN/ALLOTMENT	Action	Actioned By
Councillor Vickers requested that this item is placed on the agenda and felt that an area near Manor Drive would be suitable. Councillor Isherwood asked who would look after the site, administer the paperwork, insurance etc. Councillor Belbin asked if we are aware of a group of people who would like to run it. Councillor Vickers asked that this item is a regular on the agenda for member to discuss in more detail.	Keep on agenda	VS

247/25 TAKE YOUR LITTER HOME	Action	Actioned By
The Town Clerk has made enquires to place additional signage on the "Welcome To" signs. A digital image has been produced to show members how the signs would look. This was attached to the agenda for members. The costs for these to be placed on all signs (5) are £87.93 each with a cost of £100.00 for fitting. Members to note, if these are signs are fitted, then the flower box fixings will need to be removed as on 4 of the signs a flower box would be situated too low. Councillor Vickers advised that this is similar to the "Keep Britain Tidy" and is a gentle reminder to take rubbish home. Councillor M Isherwood expressed concern that the flower boxes would need to be removed. Councillor Belbin agreed with Councillor Isherwood and added that the "Welcome To" signs look inviting with the flower boxes. Councillor D Longley asked if stencils could be looked into to paint something on the floor. This would only incur the costs of a metal stencil and paint.	Keep on the Agenda for the next meeting.	VS

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Members agreed that the office should look into the options for stencilling and bring to the next meeting the costs for this.		
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248/25 UPCOMING STREETWORKS REPORT	Action	Actioned By
Details of upcoming street works was attached to the agenda for members to note. Councillor Vickers requested that members take a photo and place on social media for residents to be made aware.		

249/25 URGENT MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION NO DECISIONS CAN BE MADE	Action	Actioned By
None		

250/25 CLOSURE	Action	Actioned By
The meeting closed at 6.55pm		