



WIVENHOE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 28 January 2026 at 7.30pm Draft

Present: Cllr Maltby (Chair), Cllr Blomeley, Cllr Evans, Cllr Andrew, Clare Kendrick-Robinson, Roger Hawkins (Biodiversity Working Group), two members of Wivenhoe in Bloom and Jo Beighton-Emms, Town Clerk.

Public questions: None

PART A

E/01.26/01 Apologies for absence: Cllrs Aldis, Harmon and Boughton. Their apologies were accepted.

E/01.26/02 Declarations of interest: None

E/01.26/03 Minutes of the meeting held on 3 November 2025: The minutes of this meeting were proposed by Cllr Evans, seconded by Cllr Maltby and approved by all as an accurate record of proceedings.

E/01.26/04 Presentation by Wivenhoe in Bloom:

Pip Scott and Fran Richards presented an update on the work of Wivenhoe in Bloom over the last year including how the funds donated to the group by the Environment Committee had been spent on hiring a gardener. They thanked the councillors for the funding and explained that they needed further assistance and would like to arrange this with further funding. Cllr Maltby acknowledged the great work of the group and explained that the funding previously given (£600) cannot be agreed every year from this committee's budget. Cllr Evans explained that the budget had been cut and suggested other funding routes such as contacting the WTC Funding Officer to look for grants. Cllr Maltby said that the committee would be happy to help the group raise funds.

Pip and Fran left the meeting.

E/01.26/05 Climate Action Planning:

The councillors considered a draft Climate Action Plan previously circulated by Cllr Blomeley. He reported that the Repair Café will be restarting and will be held at the Library of Things on the first Wednesday of every month. The councillors discussed the ways in which the Climate Action Group could be managed as a working group.

The councillors considered a carbon footprint calculator previously circulated by Cllr Blomeley. It was agreed that a meeting would be held with Andy Hearn (Estates Manager) and enquiries would be made with the RFO for the income on the EV chargers.

E/01.26/06 Biodiversity Working Group Update, including:

(a) Feasibility Report Update: Cllr Evans reported that Adonis Blue is working on two reports which should be available soon.

Roger Hawkins reported that:

- a) The group have sown the verges with wildflower seed.
- b) The group are working with Broomgrove Schools on the GROW project.
- c) They are mapping trees for the street trees project
- d) They are seeking a nature town accreditation for Wivenhoe which will assist with grant funding.
- e) They are looking at providing some planters in front of the library and will work with Cllr Andrew.
- f) They are considering a community orchard-possible in the Jubilee Garden
- g) The tree in front of the High Street car park needs some attention. The Town Clerk is taking this to the Estates Committee.
- h) They are planning a pop-up stall on the grass area near to the Co-op and will email the Town Clerk for contact details of the owner.

Clare reported that they have a presentation with Essex Local Nature Partnership on Monday 2 February.

E/01.26/07 Budget: No update.

E/01.26/08 Date and Time of the next meeting: It was agreed that the next meeting will take place on Wednesday 18 March 2026 at 7.30pm

PART B

None

The Chair closed the meeting at 21.10.