

Notes - Environment Working Party

6.00pm – 28 October 2025

Present: Councillors Casson, Graves, Jump, Longbottom, Marten and Stather

1. Appointment of Chair for the meeting in the absence of Councillor Ward

It was proposed by Councillor Graves, seconded by Councillor Jump, and agreed unanimously that Councillor Casson be appointed as Chair for this meeting.

2. Apologies

Apologies received from Cllrs Kind and Ward

Agreed: that apologies be noted

3. To review outstanding actions from the last meeting

Councillors reviewed the list of outstanding actions and provided updates where relevant.

Agreed:

- i. **That the electrician be asked to investigate the issues with the lights on the Memorial Gardens gate.**
- ii. **that a 'remembrance' rose be purchased for the central bed at the memorial gardens;**
- iii. **that the Clerk contacts the resident regarding planting a memorial rose and plaque, suggesting the 'peace' rose and a location near to the statue of the soldier;**
- iv. **that Councillor Casson will speak to Stoneledge regarding a suitable stone for the QE Memorial Gardens;**
- v. **that the railing planters be planted later this year**
- vi. **that the Clerk emails councillors regarding dog stickers and stencilling seeking volunteers to apply them.**

4. To receive an update on 2025/26 budget

The Clerk submitted a summary of spend to date on relevant budget headings. Councillors discussed recent request for benches and bins and agreed they could be accommodated within the 2025/26 budget.

Agreed:

- i. **that the request for a bench at St David's Close be agreed, that the Clerk revisits previous requests for benches and progresses them where possible**
- ii. **that an additional bin be ordered for Willerby Low Road near the crematorium, but that the other requests be turned down as there was already adequate provision in those locations.**
- iii. **that a budget of £1000 be agreed for the purchase of bulbs, and that Councillor Casson liaises with the Admin Officer to order miniature bulbs**

- for planting around street signs and in verges, and snowdrops and crocus bulbs be purchased for open areas
 - iv. that consideration be given to purchasing cyclamen bulbs for Grandad's Park and the QE Memorial Gardens
 - v. that Councillors identify any street signs that they would like to be planted up with either bulbs or winter pansies and violas
 - vi. that the grounds maintenance contractor be requested to replace the dead box plants and any other missing shrubs
 - vii. that any additional plants required for the new entrance planters be funded from the current budget
 - viii. that ERYC be contacted to seek permission to plant up the verge on Bacon Garth Lane adjacent to the drain with water tolerant plants eg flag iris
5. To consider proposal of works/budget requirement for the 2026/2027 financial year

Councillors discussed the main budget lines relevant to the Working Group and considered work proposed for 2026/27 including additional planting, a potential expansion of Cottingham in Bloom, and further improvements to street furniture.

Agreed : that the Finance Committee be requested to consider the following budget provision for 2026/27

Seating	£2500
Litter bins -	£1000
Mem Gdns maintenance	£7500
QE Mem Gdn	£4000
Village Flowers & Trees	£10000
Misc small projects	£4500
Village maintenance	£4500
Cottingham in Bloom	£500

The meeting closed at 6:48pm