



**Minutes of an Environment & Open Spaces
Committee Meeting of Northallerton Town Council held at
12:30 on Friday 6th February in the Town Hall**

Present: Cllr P Eames; Cllr S Bell; Cllr P Cornfoot and Cllr A Hugill.

Also Present: Alexandra Robson, Clerk.

EOS25/17 To receive and consider Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

It was resolved that apologies be received and accepted from Cllr A Eames

EOS25/18 To approve Minutes of the Environment & Open Spaces Committee Meeting held on 5th September 2025

It was resolved that the Minutes of the Environment & Open Spaces Committee Meeting on 5th September be approved

EOS25/19 To consider if it is necessary to resolve to exclude members of the press and public by virtue of Public (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, due to the confidential nature of any agenda items

It was resolved that it was not necessary to exclude the press or public

EOS25/20 To receive feedback from a meeting with North Yorkshire Council (NYC) on the future uses of North Northallerton Sports Village

A meeting had been held with NYC officers to discuss the potential for future development of the site. Officers advised that a Pitch Strategy and Built Facilities Strategy are currently being developed.

It was noted that the Arete Trust may be proposing the installation of a 3G pitch, which would be available for community use; clarification is required regarding whether this proposal is progressing and how it can complement, rather than duplicate, other facilities.

Officers confirmed that no funding is currently available for further development of the Sports Village. They will attend the upcoming Leisure TIP workshop. It was felt that the Athletics Club and Hockey group should be invited to participate in the TIP workshop.

The historic masterplan produced during the Hambleton District Council period should be located. NTC should seek to influence the development of the Town Investment Plan and ensure alignment with the Strategic Plan. Councillors agree that work should begin on developing a "wish list" for the area, supported by a visual concept for the site.

It was resolved that Cllrs Eames and Hugill will work with the Clerk to progress this

EOS25/21 To note the handover of the North Northallerton allotments and receive an update on the Bankhead project
Plots have been handed over to residents and the waiting list is still healthy, with approximately 40 still on it.

A picture and some press will be released in due course.

Improvements to the play area fencing and allotment area a Bankhead will start by the end of February, there are 12 on a list here, but others could be added from other waiting lists when the site is ready.

EOS25/22 To discuss the Asset of Community Value nomination for land at Tom Umpleby Way and agree a meeting with residents

Justification needs to be wider Asset of Community Value nomination and to include the green corridor and link to public rights of way.

It was resolved that a meeting will be arranged with residents and the Committee to progress this application

Signed
Chairman
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EOS25/23 To consider and agree the areas of Councillor priority for the Strategic Plan 2027 in relation to this committee

Councillors discussed initial themes for development (appendix i) and agreed to refine these ahead of the next meeting into the following:

- Business as usual activities.
- Priorities that influence and improve the town.
- Areas within NTC's control or influence.
- Deliverable projects, including being "grant-ready".

EOS25/24 To agree if the council wishes to work towards the Nature Towns and Cities accreditation

It was resolved that the Clerk will progress the foundation level application and add the advanced level to the Strategic Plan

EOS25/25 To confirm the date and time of the next meeting and note the closure of the meeting

It was resolved that the next meeting will be 24th April at 12:30

The meeting closed at 13:36

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Appendix i

Environment & Open Spaces Committee

Green spaces, planting, biodiversity, public realm, environmental improvements

A. Green Spaces & Public Realm Development

- Develop the former Grammar School field as a public park (in partnership with NYC).
- Enable public access to central green space, including reinstating the Applegarth bridge and creating a town-centre walking route.
- Improve and enhance green spaces at the Library and the Library underpass entrance.
- Relocate the Stokesley Road town marker north of the new roundabout.
- Develop land north of Springwell Lane as part of a wider green-space network.
- Install signage, crossing points and benches to support walking routes. Improve gateways into the town, including town markers and signage.
- Improve the M&S Garden as a quiet community space.
- Develop the Ashland's Ship area and prepare a grant-ready plan.

B. Planting & Biodiversity

- Secure licences to plant roundabouts on Darlington Road and Stokesley Road.
- Expand tree, shrub, and orchard planting across the town.
- Develop and implement a Biodiversity Strategy.
- Map, assess, and prioritise local habitats.
- Create a connected town-wide green corridor network.
- Manage Council land with biodiversity as the first priority.
- Work with Incredible Edible and Climate Action Northallerton on community planting and education.

C. Maintenance & Streetscene

- Take over management of town-centre street cleaning (subject to agreement with NYC).
- Oversee planting of High Street planters in line with NYC licence.

Signed
Chairman
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