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Minutes

Meeting of : The Environment Committee
Date : 8 June 2026
Meeting held in : The Guildhall, Salisbury
Commencing at : 1830 hours

Present:

Chair: Cllr J Bolwell

Vice Chair: Cllr A Riddle

Cllrs: V Charleston, S Foster, R Johnson, J Nettle, S Rideout, C Taylor and V Milos

Officers: Asa Thorpe, Clare Dickinson, Mostyn Coombes, Matthew Hine, Neil Lucas

Others present: Cllr S Hocking

There were 7 members of the public and 0 press present.

1. Election of the Chair and Vice Chair:

The Chair called for nominations for the election of the Chair for the municipal year of 2026 / 2027.

Proposed: Cllr S Rideout

Seconded: Cllr J Nettle

Resolved that:

1.1 Cllr J Bolwell was elected as Chair of the Committee.

The Chair called for nominations for the election of the Vice Chair for the municipal year of 2026 / 2027.

Proposed: Cllr S Foster

Seconded: Cllr J Nettle

A vote was taken and it was,

Resolved that:

1.2 Cllr A Riddle was elected as Vice Chair of the Committee.

2. Apologies:

No apologies were received.

3. Public Questions/Statement Time:

There were no questions or statements submitted by members of the public.

4. Councillor Questions/Statement Time:

Cllr Rideout asked officers to provide an update on the research regarding Hilltop Way, including the insurance implications, landowner consent and historical works value. Cllr Rideout further asked that officers identify responsibility for the asset transfer error and consider support for residents in maintaining the land.

Asa Thorpe reported that officers reported receiving two conflicting insurance views and are seeking a third opinion. Both Salisbury City Council and Wiltshire Council have written to the landowners but are yet to receive a response. Remaining queries will be addressed in writing after the meeting.

5. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the meeting of the Environment Committee held on 13 April 2026 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

6. Declarations of Interest:

No declarations of interest were received.

7. Dispensations:

No dispensations were requested or granted.

8. Chair's Announcements:

The Chair told the committee that she is aware of the public concerns regarding the cost of testing the water in Queen Elizabeth Gardens following the newly awarded bathing status and confirmed that there is no cost to the Council.

The Chair thanked Mostyn Coombes for his work as Interim Head of Environment on behalf of the Environment Committee.

9. Environment Team Update:

Mostyn Coombes, the Interim Head of Environment, presented his teams' updates.

Proposal:

To receive a report on the Poultry Cross by next Full Council in July 2026.

Proposed: Cllr J Nettle

Seconded: Cllr S Foster

A vote was taken and it was,

Resolved to:

9.1 Note the presentation and updates.

9.2 Officers to produce a report in time for the next Full Council meeting in July 2026.

10. Budget Monitoring Report:

The Committee received the Budget Monitoring Report for 2025/26 to the end of March 2026.

A vote was taken and it was,

Resolved to:

10.1 Note the financial position at the end of the financial year and Officers' explanations for the variances.

11. Lower Bemerton Recreation Ground:

The Committee received a report regarding an application for Bathing Water Status by Bemerton Community Ltd. A member of the public spoke in support of the application.

Proposed: Cllr V Charleston

Seconded: Cllr J Nettle

A vote was taken and it was,

Resolved to:

11.1 Support the application for Bathing Water Status for the River Nadder at Lower Bemerton Recreation Ground.

11.2 Agree to provide a formal letter of support as landowner and stakeholder to assist with the application.

12. Urgent Matters (if any) which by reason of special circumstances the Chair, decides should be considered as a matter of urgency:

There were no matters considered under this item.

The meeting closed at 1934 hours.

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