

**Minutes of the Green & Open Spaces Committee Meeting of the Town Council
held on Tuesday 14 October 2025 at 7.00pm**

Present

St Michael's Ward
Cllr J Fotheringham

St Paul's Ward
Cllr A Pearsall
Cllr H Turner (Chair)
Cllr D Hayler

In attendance

Heloise Marlow, Deputy Clerk
Cllr R Coombs via Zoom

25/13/GOS Election of the Green and Open Spaces Committee Deputy Chairman

As there were no nominations the item was deferred to the next Committee meeting.

25/14/GOS Apologies for absence
None

25/15/GOS Declarations of Interests
None

25/16/GOS Dispensations
There were no requests for, or grants of dispensations made by the Town Clerk in relation to the business of the meeting.

25/17/GOS Public Question Time for items on the agenda
None received.

25/18/GOS Minutes of the Green & Open Spaces Committee held on 5th August 2025.
Committee RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the Green and Open Spaces Committee held on 5 August 2025 as published and circulated with the agenda.
Proposed by Cllr Fotheringham and seconded by Cllr Pearsall
For 3; Against 0; Abstentions 1

25/19/GOS Maintenance Work
Committee **NOTED** the report.

25/20/GOS P3 Footpaths update
Committee **NOTED** the report.

25/21/GOS Oaklea Bridge

Cllr Hayler presented his report and draft PIP. The following points were discussed:

- Actual costings for a replacement bridge had not been obtained.
- Land ownership.
- Public support for a replacement bridge
- Impact forthcoming LGR might have on HTC
- Need for further research before committing to such a high-level project.
- Whether to expand the project from just replacing a bridge to incorporating access land either side.
- Forthcoming Away Day an opportunity for Cllr Hayler to present his project.
- Need for practical action to pursue such a major project.

Committee **NOTED** the report and draft PIP.

25/22/GOS Budget 26/27

Committee RESOLVED unanimously recommended budgets 26/27

Code	Title	Actual 25/26, £	Current Budget 24/25, £	Proposed Budget 26/27, £	Increase + or Decrease -, £	Comments
4500	Town Floral Maintenance	5918	10,000	10,000	0	
4505	Environmental Services	0	100	200	100	
4525	Climate Budget	0	1000	500	-500	
4540	Roundball Wood	496	5,000	2500	-2500	
4560	Foot Paths/Lanes/Trees	0	3,000	1250	-1750	
4570	Weed Control	0	1,000	1,000	0	
4600	Allotments	996	4,000	3,000	-1000	
4735	Ground maint at Dowell St CP	1495	3,000	3,000	0	
		8905	27100	21450	-£5650	

Cllr Hayler also raised the need for fencing on land adjoining FP22.
Proposed by Cllr Pearsall and seconded by Cllr Hayler

25/23/GOS To close the meeting

The meeting was closed at 8.20pm.