MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 5 OCTOBER 2026 AT THE TOWN HALL, YORK STREET, SELBY

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PRESENT: Cllrs R Pope, M Davis, F Matthews and T Beharrell

IN ATTENDANCE: Deputy Clerk

E14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs S Andrew, R Harrison S Shaw-Wright and A Stephenson.

E15 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

There were no disclosures of interest.

E16 MINUTES

The minutes of a meeting of the Environment Committee held on 6 July 2026 were received. It was noted that these minutes had previously been ratified at Council on 27 July 2026.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 6 July 2026 be noted.

E16.1 Updates since last meeting

Planters

It was noted that no response was received via email so an online contact us form was completed. The query was passed to parks and grounds on 14 September. Still awaiting a response.

RESOLVED THAT:

i. The update be noted, and

ii. The Deputy Clerk to send a list to parks and grounds of the planters that Selby Town Council have a record of owning.

Traffic Survey

It was noted that the response received following the deputy clerks request as to what was included in the price and what information is already available.

The traffic surveys we undertake is for 7 days, collecting all traffic data including volume, direction, speed, and vehicle type.

They are £310+VAT per survey plus officer time @ £20 per hr.

The information is accessed by NYC on an external site with a log in (this would have to be summarised to share with yourself due to the sheer volume of data)

RESOLVED THAT:

i. **The update be noted,**
ii. **The Deputy Clerk will establish how many locations the survey will cover, and**
iii. **Cllr Pope will review the data that is available and report back to the Environment Committee in January**

Air Quality – Traffic Diversions
It was noted that a response has not yet been received.

RESOLVED THAT:
i. **The update be noted, and**
ii. **Cllr Davis will raise this at the North Yorkshire Environment Committee Meeting.**

Bondgate Woodland – Volunteers
It was noted that the deputy clerk will contact Up for Yorkshire when the project has been planned.

RESOLVED: That the update be noted.

Bondate Woodland – Donation of Trees
It was noted that the National Grid has decided that the option of planting trees in Bondgate Woodland is no longer suitable and have decided not to progress.

RESOLVED THAT:
i. **The update be noted, and**
ii. **This is added to the council agenda in October for discussion.**

E17 NATURE RECOVERY ACTION PLAN
It was noted that the deputy clerk has not updated the Nature Recovery Action Plan document due to workloads not allowing time to be invested into Environment Committee projects.
The plan will be updated after the meeting.
Nature Recovery Action Plan.docx

RESOLVED: That the update be noted.

E18 COMMUNITY ACTIVITY DAYS
It was noted that due to staffing constraints this year there have been no activity days held in 2026.

RESOLVED: That the update be noted.

E19 SUSTAINABILITY CLINIC PROJECT PARTNER

It was noted that the two projects have been agreed and an online meeting set up for Monday 19th October at 12:30 to meet the students. The deputy clerk will send out the meeting invite to all committee member if they would like to attend.

RESOLVED: That the update be noted.

E20 SUPPORTING WILDLIFE IN SELBY

E20.1 Wildlife in Selby

The ways in which Selby Town Council can support wildlife in Selby was considered.

E20.2 Swifts

The information provided by a member of the public was received.

RESOLVED THAT:

i. **That the information be noted,**
ii. **The Deputy Clerk will identify options for the land that Selby Town Council own and manage,**
iii. **The planning policy is bought to the next Environment Committee meeting to review and discuss Environmental comments that can be added to applications, and**
iv. **The website and Facebook pages are used to promote material about supporting the wildlife.**

E21 LOTTERY GRANT

It was noted that work on this project has not yet started. The application stated that work would commence in December 2026.

RESOLVED: That the update be noted.

E22 SELBY IN BLOOM

E22.1 Planters and Hanging Baskets

The specification for Bloom 2027 was considered.

The Committee requested that the Deputy Clerk contacts the current supplier to ask what will happen to the flowers that will be removed and if they can be salvaged.

RESOLVED THAT:

i. **The Deputy Clerk provides feedback to the current supplier about the planters,**
ii. **The 2027 tender includes detail about what will happen to the flowers once removed and specifies the density of the flowers in the planters, and**
iii. **The tender specifies open flowers that are beneficial for pollinators.**

E22.2 Artwork Competition

The theme for the 2027 artwork competition was considered.

RESOLVED: That the theme for 2027 will be 'What can you do to support wildlife?' subject to consultation with the schools.

E22.3 Gardens Competition

The options for the 2027 gardens competition was considered.

RESOLVED: That there will be no gardens competition in 2027.

E23 DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Monday 11 January 2027
Monday 15 March 2027