



Broomfield Parish Council

Dear Councillors

You are summoned to attend Broomfield Parish Council's Environment Committee meeting be held on **Wednesday 15th April at 8.00pm** at Broomfield Village Hall for the transaction of business as set out below.

Press and public are warmly invited to attend. Meeting packs for this agenda are available on the website www.broomfield-pc.gov.uk

Abi Wood, Clerk to the Council

Agenda

E26/027	To receive apologies for absence
E26/028	To receive Councillors announcements, declarations of interests and dispensations requests
E26/029	To approve the minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 18th March 2025
E26/030	Public Participation session
E26/031	Make Space for Girls project update (Mrs Hance)
E26/032	To discuss the recent damage to the village gate and VAS and to agree next steps
E26/033	Green spaces in the parish To receive an update on the recent Berwick Avenue meeting
E26/034	Angel Meadow and surroundings - To confirm the purchase of a new litter bin for the bottom of Angel Meadow - Repair of playground equipment by Playquip quote
E26/035	Church Green To receive any updates
E26/036	Centenary Wood To receive any updates
E26/037	Allotment Site/Association To receive any updates
E26/038	Environment Enhancement - To consider the Chelmsford City Council Nature Pledge project - To receive an update on the annual tree inspection by Place Services - To receive an update on the missing dog bin between the churchyard and school
E26/039	Items for inclusion in the next agenda
E26/040	Chair to close the meeting The next Environment Committee meeting is on Wednesday 20th May 2026 at 8.00pm



Broomfield Parish Council

**Minutes of the Environment Committee of Broomfield Parish Council
held in Broomfield Village Hall
on Wednesday 18th March 2026 at 8.00 p.m.**

Members in attendance	G Garfield (Acting Chair), D Howell, G Scott
Members not in attendance	A Faulds, S Boreham, C Taylor
Others in attendance	A Wood, Clerk and RFO D Hance, Events and Fundraising S Earley, Village Attendant

Prior to the start of the meeting Cllr Garfield was elected as chair.

E26/014	To receive apologies for absence Apologies were received and accepted for Cllrs Faulds, Taylor and Boreham Proposed: Cllr Garfield Seconded: Cllr Howell All agreed.
E26/015	To receive Councillors announcements, declarations of interests and dispensations requests None were presented.
E26/016	To approve the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 18th February 2026 The minutes were approved as a correct record of the meeting and signed by Cllr Garfield. Proposed: Cllr Howell Seconded: Cllr Garfield All agreed.
E26/017	Public Participation session No members of the public were in attendance.
E26/018	Make Space for Girls project update Mrs Hance provided an update on the project and that work was progressing well. Quotes have been received and it is planned for the works to take place in May in line with the Concrete Canvas event. Loungers are to be sited in the old outdoor gym area, and the council will consider installing planters in the future. MT Electrical are to install the phone chargers and lighting in the area. All funding for this project is coming from the PFCC grant.
E26/019	Green spaces in the parish To receive an update on the Berwick Avenue meeting Cllr Garfield provided an update and advised that an onsite meeting is being arranged with Chelmsford officers. It was noted that additional lighting would not be supported due to possible antisocial behaviour. Chelmsford CC are interested in additional grass cutting and installation of more benches, along with updating the play equipment.
E26/020	Angel meadow and surroundings To consider a request for metal detecting in the meadow A request was considered and it was agreed to decline on the basis that the field is used for recreation and football, and this would not pair well with the digging of holes. The Clerk will advise the resident.

	Mrs Hance raised the request for the installation of a rubbish bin near the teen shelter, and the Clerk will investigate costings and will report back at the next meeting.
E26/021	Church Green Mr Earley reported that no parking signs have been installed, and it was agreed that councillors and staff will continue to monitor the area. A request for a permit system had been received by the Clerk, and she had responded to the resident that this was not within the remit of the parish council.
E26/022	Centenary Wood Mrs Hance reported that the work on the willow dome had been started and will be completed this week and that this was the last of the planned project work for the wood. It was noted that the dome will need watering regularly over the coming months. Mr Earley noted that the pond needs clearing out.
E26/023	Allotment Site/Association Mrs Hance reported that the date for the installation of the gate is to be confirmed but planned for mid-April. The Clerk reported that the lease for the barn had been sent to the Cottage Gardeners with the first instalment due in April.
E26/024	Environment Enhancement To consider the Chelmsford City Council Nature Pledge project It was agreed that this will be deferred to the next meeting. To receive an update on the Green Flag Award Scheme Mrs Hance advised that the inspection will happen unannounced at some point in the next year. She advised that work is needed on the community garden and that more documentation is required this year, which she is working on. The Clerk advised that the fee for the award had been paid. To receive an update on the annual tree inspection by Place Services The Clerk reported that the inspection (including the churchyard) will take place on the 7th April. The quoted cost will be £1550+VAT for all eight sites and report. - The issue of the missing dog bin and the pile of left bags located in the recreation area between St Mary's churchyard and Chelmer Valley High School was discussed. It was agreed that Mrs Hance and Mr Earley will advise the Clerk of a suitable location for a new bin so she can lobby the City Council. Mrs Hance will also speak to the Dog Warden about the issue this week, when visiting the Village Hall.
E26/025	Items for inclusion in the next agenda - Angel Meadow litter bin - Chelmsford City Council Nature Pledge project
E26/026	Chair to close the meeting Cllr Garfield closed the meeting at 8.45pm The next Environment Committee meeting is on Wednesday 15th April at 8.00pm





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31 March 2026

Dear Abi,

Re: Quotation for repairs to play area following inspection reports .

Following your recent email, it gives us great pleasure to provide a quotation for the works as requested.

All prices shown are quoted **exclusive** of Value Added Tax.

Unless otherwise agreed to the contrary in writing, this quotation remains firm for 60 days and may be accepted by notice in writing. After this date we reserve the right to re-estimate for any outstanding work at current rates.

This quotation is subject to Playquip Leisure's standard guarantees, terms and conditions, a copy of which can be viewed at www.playquip.co.uk or a printed copy is available upon request.

We trust our quotation meets with your approval and look forward to receiving your further instructions. Should you require any additional assistance please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

On behalf of **PLAYQUIP LEISURE**

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Quotation

Request and information supplied from customer as follows:

1. *The Rocker is loose at the base with the 2 hooks moving when the item is used*

Rocker - Bike

Manufactured by (Unknown)



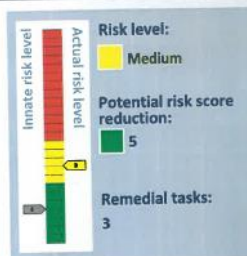
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2. *The carousel needs some surfacing reapplied as the fixings are now showing*

Carousel - Turnstile

Manufactured by Wicksteed Leisure Ltd



Surface: Rubber - Mulch - Bonded

Standards:

EN 1176-1:2017+A1:2023, EN 1176-5:2019

The item complies with the requirements of the relevant standards. The surface does not comply with the requirements of the relevant standards for the following reasons:

Surfacing Standard Compliance Findings

1. The safer surface has hard edging / foundation within the impact area.

The item has the following maintenance findings:

1. There is wear in the bearings.
2. Paintwork is in poor condition.

Costings:

Item	cost
1. Repair the loose Rocker - cut back wet pour to access bolts replace bolts with nylock fixings and repair wetpour	£260.00
2. Remove old wet pour surface around carousel and replace wet pour in the safety zone	£460.00

Quotation Total : £720.00

*** All prices quoted are exclusive of VAT**

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Nature Pledges



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This year, we are inviting residents to make **Nature Pledges** – simple steps that help nature thrive right on your doorstep.

Every little action matters. Together, these small changes can create a huge impact for wildlife locally by building up nature corridors across the wider Chelmsford area.

Throughout this year we will be adding hints and tips for you to try out, in supporting your nature pledge! There are no deadlines – you can come back again and again.

Why your pledge matters

In 2019 Chelmsford City Council declared a [climate emergency](#). Since then, we've been changing the way we manage land to support biodiversity. But we can't do it alone – we need your help.

The headlines

- **Insects in crises:** Bugslife reported a 59% drop in insect numbers over the last 5 years ([Bugslife, Nov 2025](#)), despite a hot summer.
- **Record-breaking weather:** 2025 was the 'UK's warmest and sunniest year on record' ([Met Office](#)).



- **Biodiversity continues to decline** ([BBC](#)).

With headlines like these, it's understandable to feel a bit overwhelmed. That's why we're focusing on **micro actions** – small simple steps you can take from home to make a real difference for nature.

Introduction to pledging – What can I pledge?

There are 10 pledges listed. Choose the one that fits your space, time and interest – start small or go big, and return anytime to add more pledges.

Once you're ready, use our pledge form to register your pledge. You can take part individually or with friends and family. Got great neighbours? Use your pledges to create a nature corridor on your street!

Every pledge makes a difference. When lots of us take small actions, we help build a more connected landscape for Chelmsford's wildlife.

The pledges:

Select any pledge below to discover more. These will be updated regularly during the year, including links related to news and stories. If you have a question about a pledge, please use the contact us link at the



Volunteer for nature

Volunteering is a great way to help nature and learn about your local spaces. Whether you enjoy practical outdoor tasks or prefer citizen science, there's something for everyone. You can try out a variety of projects or take part on a regular weekly, monthly or seasonal basis.

Here are a few opportunities to get you started:

- Volunteer with Chelmsford City Parks (link below).
- [Essex Wildlife Trust](#)
- [Volunteer opportunities](#) | [The Rivers Trust](#)
- [Volunteer Essex – Volunteering opportunities throughout Essex](#)
- [Volunteer in Essex](#) | [TCV](#)
- [Home – Chelmsford CVS](#)
- Citizen science: [Volunteer With Us – Woodland Trust](#)
- Citizen science: [About GWH – Garden Wildlife Health](#)

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Go pesticide free

Create a bug hotel

Plant for pollinators

Plant more trees

Water for Wildlife

Grow your own food



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Register your
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Already doing some fantastic things for nature? You can still make a pledge to continue the actions you're already taking.

Ready for more? – you can pledge again, expand your pledge or pick a new one!

I made a pledge, so what now?

You've chosen to make a pledge – brilliant!

Why not capture your journey from the start? by creating your own log with photos and notes to see how your efforts are helping nature over time. To help, we have created a pledge planner and nature survey sheets you can download [here](#).



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together, your street could become a thriving nature corridor!

If you can't find the answer to something here, we're always happy to help.

We would love to hear about the great things you're doing!

You can tell us all about how your pledge is going on Love Your Chelmsford Facebook or Instagram, or [contact us here](#) using the general enquiries section. We might even make a feature your story or show them on social media pages.

Contact us

Nature Pledge Resources



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PDF Pledge tracker and nature survey



Pledge posters



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Subject: Introducing a new Nature pledge campaign by Chelmsford City Parks
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Dear all,

We are delighted to announce the launch of **Nature Pledges**.

What are Nature Pledges?

Nature Pledges is a new campaign under the City Parks Space to Thrive initiative.

Its aim is to encourage residents to take simple, meaningful actions to support nature from their doorstep – helping wildlife thrive across the Chelmsford District.

The campaign is designed to be inclusive and to help residence feel part of a wider nature-positive community. Whether someone has a garden, balcony, a windowsill, or simply enjoys the parks and green spaces nearby, there is a pledge for everyone. Residents can take part individually or as part of a group such as schools, scouts, community clubs, or even whole streets.

There are 10 Nature Pledges to choose from, and people can sign up to as many as they like, at a time, and in a way that suits them. Throughout the year, we will be sharing tips, ideas, and inspiration linked to each pledge.

When

The campaign runs from **Tuesday 3 March** and will run throughout **2026**. New information, tips and ideas will be shared regularly during the year.

Where to find Nature Pledges:

- [Love Your Chelmsford Website](#)
- Love Your Chelmsford [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)
- Love Your Chelmsford Newsletter (you can sign up [here](#))

- Poster cases in Parks (a copy of the poster is downloadable from the webpage for those that want to share it).
- There will be additional promotion throughout the year with internal teams and external partners.

How to sign up

We'd love to see you and Chelmsford residence get involved by choosing a nature pledge (pledge via the website). Please feel free to share the posters and re-share any social media content to help spread the message.

If you have any questions, or have a great Nature Pledges story to share, please contact:

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Please note due to the upcoming elections, unfortunately we will be unable to share any Councillor-led stories between 27 March and 7 May.

Many thanks,
Chelmsford City Parks and Green Spaces

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