Broomfield Parish Council

Minutes of the Environment Committee meeting of Broomfield Parish Council held in Broomfield Village Hall on Wednesday 16th September 2026 at 6.00 p.m.

Members in attendance	A Faulds, M Bleet, G Garfield, C Taylor, D Howell (arrived 6.23pm), G Scott, N Kiddier
Members not in attendance	S Boreham
Others in attendance	A Wood, Clerk and RFO D Hance, Events and Fundraising Manager 1 member of the public

EC26/070 **To receive apologies for absence**
None were received.

EC26/071 **To receive Councillors declarations of interests and dispensations requests**
None were presented.

EC26/072 **To approve the minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting held on 15th July 2026**
The minutes were approved and signed by Cllr Faulds as a correct record.
Proposed: Cllr Faulds
Seconded: Cllr Garfield
All Agreed.

EC26/073 **Public Participation session**
A resident requested an update on various matters raised in April. These were provided to him.

EC26/074 **Make Space for Girls Project**
Mrs Hance reported that the recent RoSPA report highlighted sharp edges on the pergola which have now been sanded. A branded planter has been purchased by Chelmsford City Council and will be installed in the next month. It is hoped that the official opening ceremony can then take place.

EC26/075 **Green Spaces in the parish**

a) **To discuss the invitation from RCCE to join the Community Led Environmental Action initiative**
It was agreed that members attend the advertised webinar to consider the possible level of council involvement, and this will be added to the October agenda for further discussion. Clerk to contact RCCE and obtain the link.
Cllr Howell arrived at this point.

EC26/076 **Angel Meadow and Surroundings**

a) **To consider the quote for Wildflower work in David Smith Memorial Field**
It was **RESOLVED that JCM be instructed to undertake this work at a cost of £2900+VAT.** The funds would come from Environmental Enhancement and Broomfield Times budgets. Clerk to progress.
Proposed: Cllr Bleet
Seconded: Cllr Kiddier
All agreed

b) **To receive an update on the Pétanque and Pickle Ball project**
Mrs Hance provided an update on the project and asked for the committee's permission to apply for grants for these facilities. It was **RESOLVED to grant permission on the basis that this be brought to full council if the application is successful.**
Proposed: Cllr Taylor
Seconded: Cllr Faulds
All agreed

EC26/077 **Church Green update**
Information was shared regarding the memorial soldiers and grass cutting before Remembrance Sunday.

EC26/078 **Centenary Wood**

a) It **RESOLVED that 9 hazel hurdles are purchased** for Centenary Wood at a cost of £47.99 each. Funds to come from the Village Events budget
Proposed: Cllr Faulds
Seconded: Cllr Scott
All agreed

b) A general discussion on projects for the wood took place and these will be included in next years budget. The Village Attendant will be asked to drill bug holes in tree stakes and dead trees when appropriate.

EC26/079 **Allotment site and Association**
Mrs Hance provided a report on the allotments.

EC26/080 **Environmental Enhancement**
The Clerk was asked to report overgrown hedges between Mill Lane bus stop and the library, along with the Chelmer cycle path near the school. Councillors are to provide photos of the sites so they can be submitted with the request.

EC26/081 **Items for inclusion in the next agenda**

- RCCE Community Led Environmental Action Initiative
- Bulb planting
- Pétanque and Pickle Ball project

EC26/082 **Chair to close the meeting**
Cllr Faulds closed the meeting at 7.26pm
The next Environment Committee meeting is on Wednesday 21st October at 6.00pm