

Minutes of the Meeting of Hellesdon Environment Committee
Tuesday 18th November 2025, 4pm
Held in the Council Chamber, Diamond Jubilee Lodge, Hellesdon

Present at the Meeting

CLlr Ian Duckett (Chairman)
CLlr Mel Maidstone (Vice Chair, Minute Taker)
CLlr David Britcher
CLlr Andrew Lock
CLlr David Maidstone

CLlr Ian Duckett took the chair and welcomed all attendees, opening the meeting at 4pm

1. Apologies and acceptance for absence

Apologies were received from CLlr Mel Maidstone and accepted.

2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

In accordance with Section 31 of the Localism Act 2011 & the adopted Code of Conduct members should declare any disclosable pecuniary interests, non-disclosable pecuniary interests and non-pecuniary interests in any item(s) on the agenda. (In the case of disclosable and non-disclosable pecuniary interests the member must withdraw from the meeting room immediately after making representations, answering questions or giving evidence – Please contact the office should any item need clarification) Clerk to report any written requests for dispensation in respect of items on this agenda.

No declarations were made or dispensations requested.

3. Public Participation (as permitted by Standing Order 3.d & 5.k. xiii)

Members of the public are invited to speak and are only permitted to speak at this point in the meeting. (Public participation shall be in accordance with Standing Orders and shall not exceed 15 minutes unless such time is extended by the Chairman).

No members of the public in attendance.

4. Approval of the minutes from Monday 23rd June 2025

Minutes were approved and signed by CLlr Ian Duckett

5. Broadland Council Bid

Funding Deadline Extended:

The submission deadline has been extended to 5th December.

Bid Focus:

Agreement needed on what we want to bid for. CLlr David Maidstone put forward the following:

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Cottingham's Park (Green Belt Area):

- Restrictions may apply due to green belt status.
- Potential to expand the community orchard.
- Opportunity to plant more trees or create a small community forest.
- Potential for wildflower meadow extensions.
- Cllr David Maidstone to contact Carters' Farm to discuss collaboration/permissions.

Mountfield Park:

- Possibility of installing outdoor gym equipment.
- Some trees have already been planted – potential for more.
- Consider minor additions such as pond supplies or simple nature-enhancing features.

Outcome / Agreement

- **All Councillors present agreed to submit a bid/application to Broadland Council.**

6. Operating Budget for Committee

- A name is needed for the new project initiative.
- Suggested focus: small marketing projects involving bird boxes.
- Proposal to make contact with organisations aligned with the Green New Deal for potential collaboration or support.
- Pricing approach discussed: £2 per bird box, aiming to present an accessible, community-focused scheme.
Proposed by Cllr Ian Duckett 2nd by Cllr David Maidstone all agreed.

7. Items for Next Agenda

Pursue more bird boxes, bids and budget.

8. To confirm the date, time and venue of the next meeting

TBC for a date in January 2026

The meeting closed at 4.45pm.

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Date.....

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