

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

8th October 2025, 7.30pm

The Guildhall

Cllr C Martin	Present	Cllr Perkin	Present
Cllr Coniam	Present	Cllr Saunders	Present
Cllr Cook	Present	Cllr Rowlands	Apology
Cllr Gibson	Apology	Martin Collins	Present
Cllr Golding	Apology	Matthew Hatchwell	Apology

In Attendance:

Louise Bareham (Town Clerk)

Public Questions

A member of the public queried the land being transferred at Queen Court. Cllr C Martin advised a consultation would need to be carried out with local residents but there was a vision to have a community orchard and/or to rewild it.

201. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Gibson, Golding and Rowlands. An apology was also received from Matthew Hatchwell.

202. Declarations of Interest

Cllr J Saunders – DNPI – Minute Item 205 Land at Queen Court

203. Previous Minutes and Matters Arising

It was proposed by Cllr Saunders, seconded by Cllr Perkin, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Environment Committee dated 10th September 2025.**

In relation to Minute Item 192, Cllr Golding had provided the following report via email:

"About the subject of additional SBC funding for 'The Friends of The Rec' Joe Hannah and myself have met and identified several projects (for the purpose of this email I shall refer to the different areas that we believe require additional funding as projects). Following my conversation with Joe, I have agreed to a contribution from my SBC Member Grant and maybe this is something we may wish to pursue with our other FTC SBC Councillors - just a thought.

I have written to Graeme Tuff (SBC) about a number of 'projects' and Graeme has said SBC would continue to support with materials and tools that are needed for the 'Friends of Faversham Recreation Ground' (FFRG) as long as it "...was something/work/event that we agreed with and is "safe" etc. They only have to ask." so Joe and I are planning to meet again to discuss further

and maybe identify projects and tools that will require funding and then present that document to SBC via Graeme.”

204. Facility Manager’s Update

The Facility Manager’s Report was received and noted.

Cllr Perkin thanked the Facilities Team for their work in maintaining the dalek planters through the Summer.

205. Land at Queen Court

The Town Clerk reported that Shepherd Neame was covering the legal costs of the transfer of the land to the Town Council. Bridgers Law was working on the Town Council’s behalf.

Cllr Saunders felt it was important to identify if the land was in good condition and to monitor it. Cllr Cook felt the area needed to be fenced off from the development. Cllr Saunders referred to the remaining green area of the development where it was proposed to have a meadow. Liaison with the developer would be sensible.

Cllr C Martin advised she would arrange a meeting with the representative from Shepherd Neame to visit the land with the Facilities Manager.

206. Events

The Town Clerk reported half the tickets had been booked for the Hedgehog Talk on 13th November.

Bulb planting at Perry Court had been advertised. An update was provided on the Pumpkin Competition.

207. Items for Report

- 2026/2027 Budget
- Carbon reporting
- Climate Fresk

Martin Collins raised the issue of installing solar panels in the conservation area. It was agreed this would be raised with Swale BC.

The meeting closed at 8:11pm.