

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

14th January 2026, 7.30pm

The Guildhall

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

In attendance:

Louise Bareham (Town Clerk)

Stacey Woolf (Facilities Manager)

Public Questions: None

219 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Golding and Cook.

220 Declarations of interest

None.

221 Previous Minutes and Matters Arising

It was proposed by Cllr Gibson, seconded by Cllr Coniam and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the Environment Committee dated 12th November 2025.**

222 Facilities Manager's Update

The Facilities Manager provided a comprehensive update on various sites and projects which is appended to the minutes.

223 Cooksditch Stream

Following a request for siltex treatment and a site visit, it was proposed by Cllr C Martin, seconded by Cllr Coniam and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to contact British Aqua Core for a price to carry out the works.**

224 Oare Gunpowder Works

A number of surveys are taking place on site including bats and asbestos. The UKSPF funding cut off date has been extended to the end of September.

225 Events

Sunflower Competition

Budget required: £250 (Seeds, seed envelopes, stickers, roller banners, posters)

World Bee Day — 20 May

Budget required: £270 (Venue hire + promotional materials + £200 (donation to charity taking part. Total £470

Bees' Needs Week — mid-July

Budget required: £500 (Exhibition board printing, leaflet printing)

Hedgehog Awareness Week – 4-10 May

Budget required: £200 (Charity donation)

Bats

Budget required: £1000 (Charity donation, materials, possible venue hire, training for using bat detectors)

It was proposed by Cllr C Martin, seconded by Cllr Gibson and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to agree a total budget of £2,500**

226 Items for Report

Matthew Hatchwell is attending a meeting on the Stour.

The meeting was closed 8.08pm

FTC ALLOTMENT REPORT.

Stonebridge.

No issues, all working well.

Stonebridge has a waiting list of 62 people.

Millfield.

Millfield has a new Chairman. Lesley Seager,

I would like to thank Sanda Todd for all her hard work over the years and wish her all the best.

There have been reports of several hedgehogs found dead on the site. The chair at Millfield is mapping where they have been found.

Not saying this is the cause of the problem, but there is one, or if not more, who are using pesticides. One plot holder has been spoken to more than once about this.

The Chair has informed me that a letter will be going out to the plot holder.

Signs will be going up around all our sites, making them aware that Faversham Town Council is a pesticides free.

Millfield has a waiting list of 40 people.

St Nicholas.

St Nics has a waiting list of 8 People.

There are vacant plots on the site, but it seems that they are not being offered out, waiting list is still at 8.

Perry Court.

No issues on site, working well.

Two vacant plots on-site.

The dog waste bin has been taken away, and the dog bag station was left on the floor. We have not been informed of the bin being removed by First Port, have emailed them, waiting.

First port is not answering why they have removed the bin, and cannot tell me when or if it is going back. An email has been sent.

Community Property Care Ltd have been on site working. This was only known about as an area that we had wild seeded early in the year, which had been cut down by them, as they are now aware of which areas are managed by Faversham Town Council, and will be meeting with them again in the new year to see which trees on site need replacing.

There are some photos of the new topsoil and the seed they have used.

Perry Court has 5 on the waiting list

North Preston.

All is well on the site.

Two vacant plots on-site.

North Preston has a waiting list of 10 people.

Faversham in bloom.

Meetings to start in the New Year.

Town Planters.

A new planter for Lower Road has been ordered and is on its way to us for November installation

Benches report.

All is well, benches are on the planner for regular checks.

Other.

We will be starting a new way of sending out the waiting list to all the committees of the allotment.

Only the first five names and only their email address will be given out.

A data protection and consent form is now with the allotment application form on our website.



Still waiting on an answer from planning, work has been pencilled in for January?

Stacey Woolf
Facilities Manager
December 2025



