



Meeting of the Environment Committee

Thursday, 04th June 2026 at Buxford Hall, Buxford Pavilion starting at 16:00

Present: Cllrs Peter Barker, Dave Gathern, Steve Herring, Barry Mercer, and Malcolm Wiffen

Also Present: Aniko Szocs (Clerk), Cllr Sally Gathern (ABC)

The meeting started at 16:00

1. Election of Chair

Cllr Peter Barker has been nominated and re-elected as chair of the committee.

Proposed: Cllr Wiffen	Seconded: Cllr Herring	In Favour: 4
Vote against: 0	Vote Abstain: 0	Motion carried

2. Apologies for Absence

None to note.

3. Declarations of Interest

None

4. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 06th May 2026 were duly approved.

Proposed: Cllr Wiffen	Seconded: Cllr Gathern	In Favour: 5
Vote against: 0	Vote Abstain: 0	Motion carried

5. Allotments

The committee received an update on allotment activity. The S106 funding application was successful, and the funds have been transferred to the Barrow and Spade Brigade so work on the compost toilet can begin. Confirmation of the plot inspection date is still awaited.

6. Heron Walk Community Garden

Although slightly delayed, rotivating the area is planned for mid-June, and planting will begin once the flowerbed is ready.

7. Tree Trail

The design of the new information boards are in progress for the new route.

Proposed: Cllr P Barker	Seconded: Cllr Wiffen	In Favour: 5
Vote against: 0	Vote Abstain: 0	Motion carried

8. Singleton Lake & Buxford Meadow

Cllr Sally Gathern reported that overhanging vegetation along the Singleton Lake cycle route has been raised and will be investigated.

9. Ashford Community Woodland

The committee noted a response from a resident who had previously raised concerns about tree debris falling near their property. Cllr Peter Barker and Cllr Sally Gathern will arrange a site visit with the resident to investigate the matter and raise it with the relevant authorities.

10. Signs

Cllr Peter Barker updated the committee that he is currently obtaining costings and will provide a further update once more information is available.

11. Front Garden Competition

The committee noted that two entries have been received so far for the competition. As most submissions were made close to the deadline, this may be due to seasonal flowering patterns. It was agreed that the entry dates for next year should be reviewed and brought forward.

12. Items for information or agenda for next meeting

- Allotment
- Heron Walk Community Garden Project
- Singleton Lake and Buxford Meadow
- Tree Trail
- Ashford Community Woodland
- Signs
- Front Garden Competition

13. Date and venue of next meeting.

The date of the next scheduled meeting 9th of July 2026 starting at 16:00 at Buxford Pavilion.

The meeting closed at 16:33