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Meeting of the Environment Committee on
Thursday 23rd January 2025 at 6.30 pm in the Committee Room, Memorial Hall.

MINUTES

ACTIONS

1/25	Present: Chairman Cllr K Temple, Cllrs W Green, K Fisher, Clerk A Jordan	
2/25	Apologies: Cllr D Hopkins	ACCEPTED
3/25	To approve minutes from meeting of 6.30 pm 10th October 2024. RESOLVED to approve.	APPROVED
4/25	<p>Updates and progress reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Grounds Maintenance contracts: being put together, to go out end of next week. Clerk to send out invitations to quote by Friday 31st Jan. b. Mowbray Green application for Land Registry: advised to go through a solicitor, Clerk has contacted Geoffrey Leaver and will get a quote. c. Speed Indicator Device for the High Street: Clerk emailed MKCC officer P. Jeffs, no reply yet, she will follow this up. d. The Emergency Flood Group update: A meeting is planned for Thursday 20th at 6.30pm. Cllr K Temple chaired last time but will not chair again because this is not a Town Council group and although WSTC is very happy to assist and enable the group is should be run by members of the community. Following this meeting on 20.02.25 the Environment Committee will develop a WSTC emergency plan e. Parklands ponds maintenance and care: Cllr W Green has been liaising with MKCC Officer P Snell of MKCC and now fencing has been replaced and improved around the ponds, it is almost complete. The footbridge is to be replaced or improved to prevent noise. MK Swan Rescue been out 4 times in recent weeks due to resident swans attacking visiting swans. <u>Areas of concern:</u> advice is needed on maintenance of area, Cllr W Green has contacted the Parks Trust. The conservation area around the pond is an unofficial area designated by a Parklands residents group which is no longer active. There are still issues with fishermen, especially in summer. A large amount of fishing wire, hooks etc. has been found in the pond. The Clerk now has the keys for the noticeboard by the pond. Cllr Green is concerned about debris and litter, fencing panels, cones, fishing tackle. Discussed having CCTV or a sign to say there is CCTV. f. Memorial Green tree works have been carried out as per the Tree Report. Considering the budget, the Clerk is to arrange tree works for Edgewick Farm before nesting season but Mowbray Green works 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Clerk b. Clerk c. Clerk d. Environment Committee to look at developing an emergency plan e. Cllr W Green requested the ponds be a standing item on agenda (Clerk) f. Clerk to arrange tree work at Edgewick Farm

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	will wait until the new financial year. They have been included in the 2025-26 budget.	
5/25	Mowbray Green: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Caretaker made minor repairs to the stage where tree roots were lifting the blocks. How to deal with tarmac path lifting: there are various options to consider but work will need to be done professionally. Clerk to ask MKCC Officer P Snell 	b. Clerk to contact P Snell
6/25	To agree the exact location of benches/planters on Chapel Street corner. The Town Council has approval to use the remainder of the High Street Regeneration Fund on planters and benches. However, with the current quotes the fund won't cover the full cost but the Clerk has identified a small amount of ERG funding left over which could be used to cover the additional amount. Cllr K Temple together with the Caretaker will look at the site, Cllr G Jones is invited to join them as he has been pivotal in this project.	Cllr K Temple to invite Cllr G Jones to meet with him the Caretaker
7/25	Edgewick Farm: Edgewick Farm lambs will be in soon, but dog mess an issue still. This must be cleared and the field left clean for a period of time before it is safe for lambs. Dog mess is toxic to sheep and lambs. There followed a discussion on how to deal with this. Edgewick Farm are purchasing some tools which is included in this year's budget.	
8/25	Date of next meeting: 6.30pm Thursday 3 rd April 2025	

Meeting ended: 7.10pm

Signed:

Date: