



Environment Committee Agenda

Environment Committee Meeting on Monday 16th March 2026,

at 5.00.pm, **The Medium activity room, Elmwood Place family Hub**

Members: *Cllr S Bray, Cllr W Bray, Cllr J Morton, Cllr M Phillips*

Paula Coyle

Acting Clerk to Smiths Wood Parish Council

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1.	Welcome and Housekeeping.
1.1.	General housekeeping & reminder to turn off/silence mobile phones
2.	To receive and approve apologies.
3.	To receive members' declarations of disclosable (pecuniary and other) interests.
4.	To receive and consider member's dispensation requests, if any.
5.	To approve the Minutes of the last Environment Committee Meeting held on 9th February 2026.
	Public Participation To adjourn to allow public participation. Residents are requested to give their views and question the Parish Council on items on this agenda or raise issues for future consideration at the discretion of the Chairman.
6.	Environment/Community Projects
6.1.	To note - Community Wellbeing Groups and Supported Projects, funded by the Parish council <i>The data for area Smith's Wood shows that communities like ours face challenges around health and life expectancy. Rather than ignoring that information, we chose to listen to it and respond in a practical way.</i>

	<i>By creating accessible activities, encouraging people to be active, supporting wellbeing and bringing residents together, we are starting to make a real and tangible difference.</i> <i>“When we look at the numbers, the impact is clear.</i> <i>Our Monday Boxercise sessions alone have had 1,472 attendances, Tuesday Line Dancing has brought in 2,046 attendances, and our Teen Gym sessions have seen 690 young people attend. Through just these regular sessions we have created over 4,200 engagements with residents, using the facilities.</i>
6.2.	Environment - Eco Projects. Members are asked to consider the establishment of a Community group to support and deliver local eco projects and to develop environmental initiatives within Smiths Wood.
6.3.	Smiths Wood Playing Field - Basketball Area Update (Funding) <i>To receive an update on the condition of the basketball area at Smith’s Wood Playing Field and to consider options for refurbishment or improvement, including identifying and applying for appropriate funding opportunities.</i>
6.4.	Old Fashioned Family Sports Day Members are asked to consider supporting the organisation of an Old Fashioned Family Sports Day within Smiths Wood to encourage community participation, promote healthy activity, and provide a fun event for families and children. <i>The proposed event could include traditional activities such as sack races, egg and spoon races, three legged races, tug of war, and other family friendly games.</i> Outcome sought: Agreement in principle to support the organisation of a community Family Sports Day and to identify next steps for planning the event.
6.5.	Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs) in Smith’s Wood Update and next steps. Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs) within the Smith’s Wood area
7.	Date of the next meeting: TBA at Elmwood Place Family Hub
	Meeting Finished