



Smiths Wood

PARISH COUNCIL

Environment Committee Minutes

Environment Committee Meeting on Monday 9th February 2026,
at 5.30.pm, **The Medium activity room, Elmwood Place family Hub**

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

Paula Coyle

Acting Clerk to Smiths Wood Parish Council

Minutes.

Actions

1.	Welcome and Housekeeping.	
1.1.	General housekeeping & reminder to turn off/silence mobile phones	
2.	To receive and approve apologies. Resolved: Apologies accepted from Cllr Morton	
3.	To receive members' declarations of disclosable (pecuniary and other) interests. None	
4.	To receive and consider member's dispensation requests, if any. None	
5.	To approve the Minutes of the last Environment Committee Meeting held on 15th September 2025	
5.1.	Resolved: That the Minutes be accepted and signed as a true record 16/02/26	
	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.	

9.	Environment/Community Projects	
9.1.	To note - Community Wellbeing Groups and Supported Projects, funded by the Parish council • Monday nights: Community Boxercise Class - Parish Council • Wednesday Nights Line dancing • Friday nights: Teen Gym - Parish Council • Saturday Morning subsidised Pilates class Noted The attendees is far exceeding the members expectations	
9.2.	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. Members considered the establishment of a community group to support and deliver local eco projects and to help develop environmental initiatives within Smiths Wood. It was noted that such a group could assist with promoting sustainability, environmental awareness, and practical community led projects in the area. Resolved: That the Council supports exploring the creation of a community group to help develop and deliver local environmental and eco initiatives within Smiths Wood.	
9.4.	Smiths Wood Playing Field - Community food pantry van. Members are asked if any suggestions as to where in Smith's Wood they can operate the food pantry van, members are asked to consider usage of the Smiths wood field. Members discussed potential locations within Smiths Wood where a community food pantry van could operate. Consideration was given to the possible use of Smiths Wood Playing Field as a location. Members shared initial views regarding accessibility, visibility, and suitability of the playing field as a potential operating site. Resolved: The Parish Council would support the delivery of this Food Pantry	

9.5.	Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs) in Smith's Wood To consider the lack of Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs) within the Smith's Wood area Proposed action: • To delegate a Councillor to investigate the current status of TPO coverage in Smith's Wood • To liaise with Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council officers regarding criteria, gaps, and opportunities for introducing additional TPOs • To report findings and recommendations back to the Council for further consideration Outcome sought: Agreement on Councillor delegation and next steps. Resolved: That a Cllr S Bray be delegated to investigate the current status of Tree Preservation Order coverage within Smiths Wood. That liaison takes place with officers at Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council regarding the criteria, gaps, and opportunities for introducing additional TPOs. That findings and recommendations be reported back to Council for further consideration.	
10.	Date of the next meeting: Monday 16th March at Elmwood Place Family Hub	
	Meeting Finished at 5.40pm	

Signed (Chair) *M.A. Phillips*

Date: *22/JUNE/2026*