

Madeley Town Council

Minutes of the Environment Committee of Madeley Town Council held on Monday 8 September 2025 commencing at 6.30 pm at Jubilee House, High Street, Madeley.

PRESENT: **Councillors:** **D White (Chair), Andy Harrison and Ruth Meadows**
Alison Hinks, Madeley Town Clerk

E26/013 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr J Jones (prior commitment). Cllr C Ansah and Cllr S Heighway were not present at the meeting.

RESOLVED:

Councillors unanimously resolved to accept the apologies and reasons presented to the meeting.

E26/014 **Remarks from the Chair**

The chair welcomed Councillors to the meeting.

E26/015 **Public Discussion**

Members of the public are permitted to make representations, answer questions, and give evidence in respect of any item of business included in the agenda. The period which is designated for public participation shall not exceed 15 minutes.

Representatives from the Sutton Hill Allotment group attended the meeting and asked for an update on the recent vote amongst allotment holders asking if they would like the Allotment group to take over the running of the site. Cllr White confirmed that the majority vote was for the Sutton Hill Allotment group to take over the running of the site. The Environment Committee would not be making a recommendation to Full Council on 6 October that a lease is issued to the Sutton Hill Allotment group to independently run the site. Cllr White said that to enable this to happen the Allotment group need to ensure that they have enough volunteers to support the running of the site and that the Allotment group have enough money for the upkeep and running costs. Cllr White reiterated that once the Allotment group take over the running of the site, Madeley Town Council will have no input or financial responsibility.

Cllr A Harrison asked if the Sutton Hill Allotment group had reached out to Woodside Allotment Association for support during the transition.

The Sutton Hill Allotment group asked what would happen to the site if the Allotment group were unable to run the site and if it was the Town Councils to merge the site with another allotment site. Cllr White said that this option had never been discussed.

E26/016 **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr White declared an interest in agenda item L26/024 – Madeley Community Orchard.

- E26/017** **Minutes**
Resolved:
Councillors unanimously agreed that the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 9 June 2025 were confirmed and approved for signature (see Appendix A).
- E26/018** **CAT update.**
Councillors went through the Jun 2025 and July 2025 CAT work schedule, showing all work carried out by the 2 x CATs and issues reported by the Community Environmental Liaison Officer. Cllr Meadows reminded the Committee that they had asked for a breakdown of both the core contract work and MTC work schedule work undertaken by the 2 x CATs.
- E26/019** **Planning Applications.**
The Deputy Town Clerk had put together a list of current planning application in Madeley, Sutton Hill and Woodside, which were presented to the Environment Committee. Councillors would like an update on the 2 x enforcement applications that have been outstanding from 2020 and 2024.
- E26/020** **Grit Bins**
A resident has requested a new grit bin on Raynards Close. The Environment Committee has refused this request in the past. Cllr White will carry out a site visit to inspect the need and report back to the next Environment Committee on 10 November 2025.
- E26/021** **Allotments**
Discussed under agenda item E26/015.
- E26/022** **Veterans Allotment Plot**
A letter of thanks has been received from the ex-service personnel who are working the Armed Forces Covenant plot at Sutton Hill Allotments for the free plot and tools received from Madeley Town Council.
- E26/023** **Hanging Baskets**
The Town Clerk updated Councillors on the order for the winter 2025 hanging baskets and planters throughout Madeley. The summer display has been praised by residents.
- E26/024** **Madeley Community Orchard**
Nothing to report
- E26/025** **Correspondence**
No correspondence received.
- E2/026** **Information**
Nothing to report.

E25/027 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Environment Committee of Madeley Town Council is scheduled for Monday 10 November 2025 at 6.30 pm at Jubilee House, High Street, Madeley to discuss the 2026-27 environment budget. The following meeting of the Environment Committee of Madeley Town Council is scheduled for Monday 12 January 2025 at 6.30pm at Jubilee House, High Street, Madeley to meeting with officers to discuss projects and priorities for 2026.

Meeting closed at 7.10pm

Signed:
Chair of Environment Committee

Date: