



Matlock

TOWN COUNCIL

Mayor 2026-2027 – Councillor Ashley Orwin
Town Clerk – Simon Hosmer

Minutes of a meeting of the Environment Committee of Matlock Town Council held on Monday 03 August 2026 at 6:00pm in the Riber Room of the Imperial Rooms, Matlock

Present: In the chair: Cllr **David Hughes**
Councillors: Cllr **Len Best**, Cllr **Sue Burfoot**, Cllr **Jenny Lowthrop**,
Cllr **Marilyn Franks**
In attendance: Simon Hosmer, Town Clerk

Meeting begins at 18:00

ENVC 194/2026 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE *Cllr Pat Wildgoose - Away*

ENVC 195/2026 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS AND DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Proposed: Cllr Sue Burfoot, seconded Cllr David Hughes
Resolution: To move item 12 to during public participation
Agreed unanimously

ENVC 196/2026 REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION *None received*

ENVC 197/2026 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, POLICE, COUNTY COUNCIL OR DISTRICT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

*1 members of the public was in attendance. AI use at Freedom leisure was
discussed. Cllr Lowthrop explained the correspondence she has had with the
AI company.*

Proposed: Cllr Marilyn Franks, seconded Cllr Sue Burfoot
**Resolution: To ask the Clerk draft a response to the email and the Clerk to email
requesting there is more and obvious signage so pool users are aware of the use of AI in
CCTV and to get a response to the question of data deletion after 7 days and ask for a
copy of the risk assessment for the Arc on the usage of AI**
Agreed unanimously

ENVC 198/2026 MINUTES

Minutes of the 01 June 2026

The committee agreed that the minutes were a true reflection of the last meeting.

Proposed: Cllr Marilyn Franks, seconded Cllr David Hughes

Resolution: To approve the minutes of the 01 June 2026

Agreed unanimously with Cllr Burfoot abstaining as she was not present

ENVC 199/2026 ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE UPDATES

The Clerk gave the updates and a discussion was had around the updates.

Proposed: Cllr Jenny Lowthrop, seconded Cllr Sue Burfoot

Resolution: To accept the report

Agreed unanimously

ENVC 200/2026 STATION BUILDINGS UPDATE

The report was discussed

Proposed: Cllr Marilyn Franks, seconded Cllr Len Best

Resolution: To promote the rental of the buildings on our website and social media and refer the request for an event to the events committee with Environment approval

Agreed unanimously

ENVC 201/2026 ALLOTMENTS UPDATE

The report was discussed.

Proposed: Cllr Jenny Lowthrop, seconded Cllr Marilyn Franks

Resolution: To allow wild flowers to be sewn in the memorial garden and to ask the Clerk to purchase the posts and chain for the car park

Agreed unanimously

ENVC 202/2026 ALLOTMENT STRUCTURES POLICY

The policy was discussed

Proposed: Cllr Marilyn Franks, seconded Cllr Len Best

Resolution: To adopt the policy

Agreed unanimously

ENVC 203/2026 PATH REPORT

Cllr Burfoot explained that Path 17 is due for resurfacing in 2027.

Actions agreed:

Path 7 – Write to DCC and request they contact the landowners to make the path useable again

Path 9 – Recheck the condition of the overgrowth and contact residents if necessary

Path 28 – Write to the residents and request the overgrowth be cut back

Path 14 – Has already been reported to DCC

Paths 22 & 24 – Write to DCC and ask for the slabs to be reset

Path 27 – Price up 2 benches for purchase by the Town Council & Write to DCC concerning the railing at the top of the path

Paths 30,12 & 13 – Write to the resident and ask them to remove cuttings from the path and ask what they intend to do about the cracking boundary wall

Path 49 – Cllr Hughes is in talks with the relevant parties on this one

Triangle of land @ Steep turnpike – Find out who's it is and write to them offering to cut it and /or do something with it.

Path 109 – Write to the residents where necessary to get hedges cut back

Cllr Lowthrop asked that any hedge trimming is done out of bird nesting season and not before September

Proposed: Cllr David Hughes, seconded Cllr Sue Burfoot

Resolution: To accept the report and complete the actions above

Agreed unanimously

ENVC 204/2026 PLANTERS REPORT

The report was debated

Proposed: Cllr Len Best, seconded Cllr Marilyn Franks

Resolution: To accept the report and put 2 planters on Bakewell road and one outside Iceland subject to gaining the relevant licences from the County Council

Agreed unanimously

ENVC 205/2026 FREEDOM LEISURE AI USE

This item was moved up in the agenda under resolution

ENVC 206/2026 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Lowthrop gave an update on the National Emergency Briefing and requested an agenda item at the next Full Council meeting

ENVC 207/2026 COUNCIL PUBLICITY: Website, Social Media, Newsletters and news releases

Nothing additional was asked to be publicised

Meeting ends 19:48



Simon Hosmer
Town Clerk

CHAIRMAN:

DATED:

An audio recording of this meeting is available from the Clerk upon request.