



# Newark TOWN COUNCIL

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Dear Councillors

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the Environmental Stewardship Sub-Committee at **6.30pm** on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2025, in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall.

Yours sincerely

**MATTHEW GLEADELL**  
Town Clerk



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## ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP SUB-COMMITTEE THURSDAY 15<sup>th</sup> MAY 2025

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Committee membership    **Cllr L Roulstone (Chairman)**

**Cllr E Cropper (Vice-chairman)**

**Cllr S Crosby**

**Cllr G Rix**

**Cllr M Skinner**





### ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP SUB COMMITTEE

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Environmental Stewardship Sub Committee held at 6.30pm on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2025 in the Pickin Room at the Town Hall.**

<b>Membership Present:</b>	<b>Councillor</b>	Lynn Roulstone (Chairman)
	Councillors	Susan Crosby Mathew Skinner (Ap) Glenis Rix Esther Cropper (A)
<b>Apologies for Absence:</b>		Cllr M Skinner
<b>In Attendance:</b>	<b>Town Clerk</b>	Matthew Gleadell
<b>Venue:</b>	Pickin Room, Town Hall	

#### **ESSC/19/24/25 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies received from Cllr M Skinner

#### **ESSC/20/24/25 Minutes of the Meeting of the Environmental Stewardship Sub Committee held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2024 were approved as a correct record.

#### **ESSC/21/24/25 Declarations of Interest from Members**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

#### **ESSC/22/24/25 Solar Panels Update**

The Clerk updated Members as to the progress with the installation of solar panels at Sherwood Avenue Bowls pavilion and Tolney Lane toilets; he also shared a photo of the recent installations on those sites with Members.

The Clerk confirmed that as soon as those projects are fully finished and signed off, he would then be seeking pre planning advice from NSDC regarding solar panels on the Town Hall.

The Report was noted by Members

**ESSC/23/24/25 Herbicide Use**

The Chairman expressed her concerns regarding the use of herbicide – and it was clear that she was an organic gardener and was absolutely against the use of herbicides.

Cllr Rix did state that she was fully understanding of the use of herbicides and in the circumstances felt that it was justified. It was noted that the cemeteries are a sensitive area, and relatives of deceased individuals and grave owners like to see graves suitable maintained and weed control is therefore important.

After lengthy discussion it was resolved that the Clerk would ask the Operations Manager to trial some alternative options in certain sections of the cemetery to assess their viability for the future.

**ESSC/24/24/25 Highways and Transport – Kings Mill Service**

The Clerk updated Members on the desire to hold a meeting. The Clerk did explain that colleagues at the District Council had explained that they had been through that exercise many times, and that to date not a great deal had been achieved. Nonetheless the Clerk would continue to push for suitable stakeholders to attend a meeting.

**ESSC/25/24/35 Waste Management Update**

The Clerk updated Members regarding new regulations regarding waste management and recycling and confirmed that the council is preparing itself for those changes which may include some additional bin collections for certain waste and that there may be a small cost increase for waste management as a consequence. The update was noted by Members.

**ESSC/26/24/25 Active Travel Alliance Update**

Members noted the contents of the report.

**ESSC/27/24/25 Decarbonisation Update**

The Clerk explained that the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of the report is awaited and will be considered further once received.

**ESSC/28/24/25 Flooding Response Update**

It was noted that Councillors are awaiting appropriate training from the County Council who to date appear to be dragging their heels a bit, but as soon as that training has been completed, appropriate flood response plans for the Town Council in supporting local flooding efforts would be finalised and shared with the Committee for consideration and approval.

**ESSC/29/24/25 Sustainable Planting**

The Clerk noted that the decisions around sustainable planting for the coming year had been agreed at the last meeting but reiterated the commitment to continue to adopt the new style sustainable planting. Members were reminded that trials with some hanging baskets that contain a more sustainable approach would be employed in the forthcoming year.

**ESSC/30/24/25 Repair Shop/Hack Space**

The Clerk updated Members with the college plans to have a repair shop/hack space at 14 Market Place and the request from PT at the college to forward details of anyone who had any skills and that might be interested and want to be involved.

The Clerk explained that the repair shop via the college would be a good catalyst to pull together more venues and more hack space type offers elsewhere in Newark.

<b>Meeting Closed:</b>	<b>19.15pm</b>	<b>Next Meeting:</b>	<b>TBC</b>
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**From: LNRSNN <[LNRSNN@nottscce.gov.uk](mailto:LNRSNN@nottscce.gov.uk)>**

**Sent: 06 May 2025 09:58**

**Subject: Public Consultation on the Draft LNRS for Nottinghamshire and Nottingham opens today!**

**To all Parish Council contacts**

**The Public Consultation on the Draft Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) for Nottinghamshire and Nottingham officially opens today!**

**During the 6-week Public Consultation period, from 6 May to 16 June 2025, we want as many people as possible from across Nottinghamshire to look at the draft strategy and to comment on it. This is so that we can take into account the views of all the people who will be able to help to deliver nature recovery once the LNRS is published.**

**All the information you need to look at is on our consultation website – [www.nottsnaturerecovery.co.uk](http://www.nottsnaturerecovery.co.uk)**

**Here you will be able to view and download the written Statement of Biodiversity Priorities and other associated documents.**

**You can view the online Local Habitat Map which shows the important areas for nature recovery in the county. The map is best viewed on a laptop or desktop device. There is a short video user guide to explain how to click on and off the different mapping layers.**

**There is also a list of FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions) to provide background information on the LNRS process as well as examples of existing Nature Recovery Projects in the county.**

**A shorter summary document has been produced and I have attached it here for your information.**

**We would like you to complete the online survey so you can give your views on the draft strategy and tell us if you support our proposals or if you think we have got anything wrong or missed anything important. The survey has some optional questions if you want to provide more detailed feedback on individual sections of the strategy.**

**Details of in-person and online events that you can attend are also on the website and will be added to during the consultation period.**

**We'll be attending the following events in May:**

- Saturday 10th May: Notts County Show at Newark Showground (NB entry fee payable)**
- Saturday 31st May: Nottingham Green Hustle at Old Market Square**

**If you would like any further information please contact the LNRS team by email:[LNRSNN@nottscce.gov.uk](mailto:LNRSNN@nottscce.gov.uk)**

**Please help us to spread the word by forwarding this email to your networks.**

**Kind regards**

**Catherine Mayhew**

**Local Nature Recovery Strategy Coordinator**

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