



Wild and Wood Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday 19th March 2026 at 7pm
Methodist Church Hall, Dereham Road

Committee members present: Roisin Murray (Chair), David Piper, Lloyd Frosdick
Parish Clerk: Anita Rose
District Councillor: Not present
County Councillor: Not present
Members of Public: 0

1. Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted for H Goodall.

2. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 20 November 2025

The minutes of the meeting were unanimously **APPROVED** without amendment and signed by the Chair.

3. Matters arising from the last meeting

RM confirmed the noticeboard had been repaired and is now weatherproofed.
Dereham Men's shed was thanked by the committee.

4. Progress update

4.1. Woodland

a) Benches

The Clerk will distribute requests for quotations regarding plinths measuring 1 meter by 2 meters, instructing contractors to submit their proposals to RM.

A map will be developed to identify suitable locations for bench placement.

RM reported that Mr and Mrs Bodiam would like to contribute or donate a seating bench. RM will speak to the residents regarding bench designs and costings.

b) Appearance of what appears to be post holes

DP filled the holes with clay and soil; Ian Edwards will check weekly.

c) Littering to the attenuation pond and misuse of the pond

Residents are encouraged to notify the Land management company when the pond is being misused. RM will add a map to the Kingfisher notice board explaining areas of responsibility and contact details.

d) Volunteering

Twenty-three participants attended the work party and accomplished the following tasks:

- Relocated fruit trees to their designated site within the wildflower meadow.
- Removed dead trees and whips from the woodland area, repositioning remaining trees to ensure optimal arrangement.
- Eliminated large, invasive thistle plants from the grass surrounding the trees.
- Sowed Yellow Rattle (to gradually suppress grass growth) and a wildflower mix donated by a community member within the fenced Orchard area.
- Applied bark chip mulch to all young trees and performed wash and wax treatment on the fruit trees to protect against pests anticipated next season.

4.2. Meadow

Mr. Bingham had cut the meadow area with leavings being left over winter to provide habitat for wildlife. The leavings will be removed during April free of charge.

RM will arrange a working party to remove the large thistles off the Wildflower meadow, day to be confirmed in April / May.

4.3. Orchard, adjacent to Allotments

LF cut the grass with help from volunteers who raked it.

5. Finance

5.1. Expenditure vs Budget

The Clerk informed the committee that no further expenditure had occurred during the last quarter and confirmed the budget v actual expenditure for 2025/26 remains at £2484.85 of £8187.70 has been spent.

6. Disbandment of committee

The committee had set a target to disband the committee by October 2026, handing over maintenance responsibility to the Open Spaces Working Group and finance responsibilities back to the full Council.

7. Next meeting

The next meeting for the Wild and Wood Committee will be Thursday 28 May at 7pm held at Methodist Church Hall.

The Chair closed the meeting at 19:54pm