Woodlands Committee meeting held on Monday 12 January 2026, commencing at 8.40pm when there were present:

Mrs L Barrington-Smith in the Chair
Mrs J Latchford Mr K Kelly
Mrs C Karimi-Ghovanlou

Also present: Clerk and RFO

Apologies for absence - None

Declarations of Interest – None

Update on Draper's Wood Volunteer Group
A meeting was set up with the Draper's Wood Volunteer Group, the Management Plan has been issued and future work was discussed. The volunteer group will meet less frequently than the Ghosthill Wood volunteers as the wood is much smaller. Mentoring would be provided from the Ghosthill Wood Volunteer Group, and it was suggested volunteers join the Ghosthill Wood Volunteers WhatsApp.

To Consider Quote for Managing the Brambles in Draper's Wood
Two quotes had been received for cutting back the brambles. Quote 1 was for £350 per day x two days and the second quote was for £600. The second quote included all raking, using brambles as habitat and blocking desire lines. It was **resolved** to accept the quote for £600 as it was the more comprehensive quote.

Expenditure Budget 2026/27
The meeting discussed the draft budget figures which had been sent to all Councillors prior to the meeting.

It was **AGREED** to accept the draft expenditure budget in the sum of £15,970. The sum comprised the following anticipated expenditure:

Running Costs

Fido Bins Contract	Fido bins at Ghosthill Wood and Eastfield	£1,895
Woodland "Events"	Publicity, education etc	£100
Volunteers Materials	Plants, tools etc	£300
Surgery/Felling/Replanting	Annual survey, estimated costs following survey	£5,000
Maintenance Contract	Annual contract	£4,285
Horticultural Contract	Second year of four-year contract	£1,140
Fencing	Maintenance	£200
Pathway	Annual maintenance of pathways	£550
		£13,470
Projects		£1,000
Contingency		£1,500
Total		**£15,970**

The Meeting closed at 21.03pm.

Signed …….. Dated ……..