

Woodlands Committee meeting held on Monday 11 May 2026, commencing at 7.30pm when there were present:

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

Also present: Councillors Clarke, Dack, Ellis, Matthews and Parkinson, County Councillor Clancy, Clerk and two members of the public.

Apologies for absence - None

Declarations of Interest – None

The Minutes of the meeting held on 9 February 2026 were confirmed as correct and were the signed by the Chairman.

Report items

The Woodland Volunteers had reported that the gate at Norgate Way was deteriorating and in need of replacement. Quotes for a new gate would be discussed at the July Committee meeting.

The current budget picture was received. It was noted that it was the final report for the 2025/26 financial year.

To consider request to site a memorial bench in Ghosthill Wood

Councillors were concerned about the number of memorial bench requests that were being received and were concerned that the Wood would become cluttered. It was agreed that this request would be the last granted, and that the bench should be located either at the bottom of the wood or at the top opposite the infant school.

To consider request in principle to scatter ashes in Ghosthill Wood

The request was agreed but Councillors stated that there should be no plaque or memorial where the ashes were scattered.

To agree a date for the annual risk inspection tour

Councillors Barrington-Smith, Kelly and Latchford agreed that they would arrange a date to carry out the risk assessment.

Tree Warden's Forum

First Aid training for the woodland volunteers needed to be arranged.
Councillor Barrington-Smith advised that she would apply to the Woodland Trust for a tree pack to be planted this winter.

The Meeting closed at 7.47pmpm

Signed

Dated