

CLIMATE AND NATURE COMMITTEE MINUTES

23rd July 2025

Cllr Fogg-Rogers (in the Chair)

A Collins (A)
L Fogg-Rogers (P)

D Eldridge (P)
S Hancock (P)

Also in attendance: One member of the public

27.07/25 Evacuation Procedure

Leave via the fire door and assemble outside in the play area - Noted

28.07/25 Apologies

Cllr Collins

29.07/25 Declaration of Interests under the Localism Act 2011

None

30.07/25 Public participation

One member of the public in attendance.

Chair suggested as new Climate and Nature Administrator (C&NA) in attendance that everyone introduces themselves.

31.07/25 To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 18th June 2025

The minutes of the meeting held on 18th June 2025 were agreed and signed.

32.07/25 Action Update

Members would like it clarified if the grass cut and collect at Whiteshill Common will be completed by second week of September. In addition, to arrange a meeting to discuss grass cutting in general. **C&NA/Clerk to contact grass cutter.**

Discussion around scythe mowing – possibility of purchasing one to loan to other Parish Councils or using one owned by contact of Frome Valley Growing Project. **To be explored if grass cutter not able to fulfil cut and collect.**

33.07/25 To agree the monthly Climate and Nature Social Media Post

Cllr Eldridge suggested a post around insulation. **C&NA to mock something up and send to Cllr Eldridge to agree before posting.**

34.07/25 To agree the signage for Flaxpits Planters

Signage agreed. **Clerk to make a few minor tweaks before sending for printing.**

35.07/25 To discuss the tree planting programme

Agreed that tree planting programme agenda item should include tree care/maintenance. **C&NA to amend next months agenda.**

The aim of the tree planting programme is to plant more trees and investigate and obtain grants where possible to do so. Trees need to be planted between Nov and March (ideally Nov, Feb or March). **Cllrs to prepare a siting plan. C&NA to look at funding.**

Tree care discussion around the need to have mulch for our newer trees and perhaps combine this with a general tree care day to in September. **C&NA to investigate possibility of having mulch delivered and organise a tree care day with volunteers.**

36.07/25 To agree the updated Local Action Nature Plan
Defer to next meeting. **Cllr Fogg-Rogers to send C&NA working document for C&NA to amend to then discuss at next meeting.**

37.07/25 To note any other items from members
Discussion regarding Hedgehog Heros.

Meeting concluded 8.40pm.