

CLIMATE AND NATURE COMMITTEE MINUTES

17th September 2025

Cllr Collins (in the Chair)

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

D Eldridge (P)
S Hancock (P)

Also in attendance: one member of the public

50.09/25 Evacuation Procedure

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

51.09/25 Apologies

None

52.09/25 Declaration of Interests under the Localism Act 2011

None

53.09/25 Public participation

The member of the public cited a publication they'd recently received from Westonbirt Arboretum showing the exciting flora and fauna that is present at the arboretum and they suggested this would be great if we could do something similar. We talked about the signage we are getting prepared for each of our nature reserves and that we will also share these on social media.

54.09/25 To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 20th August 2025

The minutes of the meeting held on 20th August 2025 were agreed and signed.

55.09/25 Action Update

As per point 45.08/25 in the minutes from the meeting on 20th August 2025 where it was agreed and authorised to spend up to £500 on the cut and collect at Whiteshill Common the committee have agreed to go with the quote from Town and Country Assets and Services of £280 plus VAT to do the cut and collect. **C&NA to confirm with Town and Country and liaise re dates.**

56.09/25 To agree the monthly Climate and Nature Social Media Post

Agreed that we no longer need this as an agenda item as at last months meeting we agreed the social media topic for each month. **C&NA to share the agreed monthly topics with the committee and to ask for suggestions each month for content.**

57.09/25 To agree process for re-raising the Community Nature Reserve on social media

Agreed that initially we will re-engage with those who have already signed up to the Community Nature Reserve and, with their permission, share on social media photos of their gardens. **C&NA to obtain list of participants to begin engaging with them and asking for their photos.**

- 58.09/25** To discuss the tree planting and care/maintenance programme
Mulch has been delivered to agreed area at Whiteshill Common and plans are moving forward for the Tree Care Day on 27th September.
Agreed that at the next meeting we need to start deciding where and how many trees we want to plant. **C&NA to investigate funding.**
- 59.09/25** To agree Duck Pond Management Plan
Agreed that Cllr Hancock will get in touch with the volunteers at the duck pond and will create a duck pond management plan. **Cllr Hancock to provide the management plan by the next meeting. C&NA to liaise with Clerk re the anglers and report back.**
- 60.09/25** To agree date for meeting regarding Local Action Nature Plan
Agreed that the committee (excluding the C&NA) will meet remotely to work through the LNAP together on 1st October at 7pm. The committee (including the C&NA) will meet an hour before next months meeting to go through and agree the new LNAP. **C&NA to share the up-to-date version of the LNAP with all the councillors via email.**
- 61.09/25** To agree action regarding rent for small area of land rented from Wessex Water
Agreed that the small area of land will be kept by the parish. **C&NA to liaise with BART to see if there is anything they can do with the land.**
- 62.09/25** BART river work at Bradely Brook and Monks Pool
C&NA advised committee that BART intend to carry out work at Monks Pool on 23rd September depending on the river levels. **C&NA to share this on social media.**
- 63.09/25** To check dates of amended Climate and Nature meetings from October onwards
Agreed that the Climate and Nature Committee meetings will always be the week in between the week of the Full Council Meeting and the week of the F&GP meeting (except when an early bank holiday means this isn't possible). **C&NA to amend the website where necessary.**
- 64.09/25** To note any other items from members
Cllr Fogg-Rogers:
Avon Wildlife Trust have been in touch and want to visit all our sites in order to see how they can work with us. C&NA is setting up a date to meet with them along with Kate and will report back.
Cllr Hancock:
Compost and plants needed for planters. **Cllr Hancock to investigate what is needed and the cost. C&NA to put on next months budget for authorisation.**
Cllr Eldridge:
Looking into biodiversity net gains and will report back with further information.
Cllr Collins:
Kate has funding to run a Bat Walk in Frenchay next year (June date has been proposed).
Cllr Collins is meeting with Environment Agency to discuss community participation days.
C&NA:
Advised committee to start thinking about what they would like in next years budget and this will be an agenda item for next month to agree. **C&NA to put on October agenda.**

Meeting concluded: 8.43pm