

CLIMATE AND NATURE COMMITTEE MINUTES

12th November 2025

Cllr Collins (in the Chair)

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

D Eldridge (P)
S Hancock (P)

Also in attendance: Cllr Kinsey, Cllr Bruce and one member of the public

80.11/25 Evacuation Procedure

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

81.11/25 Apologies

None

82.11/25 Declaration of Interests under the Localism Act 2011

None

83.11/25 Public participation

Cllr Bruce raised that the Frome Valley Walkway is nearly inaccessible at present. Committee advised that this is the responsibility of South Glos Council but that it may be something that the parish councillors can take to South Glos. C&NA advised that an employee at South Glos from the Community Spaces department has been in touch about the walkway and this will be fed back to the committee at next months' meeting when we have the details.

84.11/25 To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 15th October 2025

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th October 2025 were agreed and signed.

85.11/25 Action Update

- Community Nature Reserve – **C&NA to ask Clerk how to access data in order to keep monitoring.**
- Huckford Quarry land – C&NA reported that they haven't heard back from our contact. **C&NA to speak to directly to Project Earth.**
- Duckpond – Cllr Hancock has spoken to contractor about a lighter cut and agreed next steps. **C&NA to contact contractor to see when work can be carried out.**
- Planters at Flaxpits Lane – Cllr Hancock has produced poster and date for volunteer working party is Friday 28th November. **C&NA to share poster via social media and physical posters.**

86.11/25 To discuss the tree planting and care/maintenance programme

Provisional tree planting date set at 7th or 28th February (depending on weather conditions). **C&NA to contact Forest of Avon Trust and Avon Wildlife Trust to start process of applying for grants for trees. C&NA in process of liaising with Hambrook Commons Committee and local residents.**

Committee agreed on which packs of trees to apply for from the Woodland Trust. **C&NA to apply.**

87.11/25 To agree Duck Pond Management Plan

C&NA has passed on what has been found out in respect to what already happens with treatment at the duck pond. **Cllr Hancock to investigate water testing/treatment options. C&NA to add to next month's agenda for agreement.**

88.11/25 To agree next steps for Local Climate and Nature Action Plan

All members agreed on the Local Climate and Nature Action Plan. **C&NA to make final few changes and email to committee to agree so it can be shared at the next full council meeting in December.**

89.11/25 To agree format for December forum

Agreed that the forum would run concurrent to the Dubz event which is happening outside at the same time. **C&NA to confirm timings of the Dubz event and report back to committee. C&NA to produce a presentation to be rolling on the projector in the council room. C&NA to investigate the possibility of mince pies being donated or otherwise purchase mince pies and non alcoholic mulled wine.**

90.11/25 Update on UWE woodland work at Frenchay

Cllr Kinsey reported back to the committee that a programme of work has been agreed in conjunction with One Planet Matters and UWE students. There is no expense for this to Winterbourne Parish Council as Frenchay Residents Association have kindly made a donation to OPM.

91.11/25 To discuss the Avon Wildlife Trust Report for Winterbourne

Report read. Agreed that some recommended work would need to be consulted on with various parties. **C&NA to incorporate the report in the Local Climate and Nature Action Plan and go back to AWT to discuss providing fruit trees and bulbs.**

92.11/25 To discuss Biodiversity Net Gains

Deferred to January's meeting.

93.11/25 To note any other items from members

Cllr Kinsey was asking for opinions on what to do with fallen trees. Committee advised that fallen trees are good for wildlife but they may need to be moved if they're in the way so it's best to consider what to do with fallen trees on an individual basis.

Cllr Fogg-Rogers brought to the attention of the committee that there is a new initiative to get local parish councils along the River Frome to join up to apply for funding from Wessex Water to become a "Watermark Town" in order to reduce flooding and improve water quality in the river. **C&NA to investigate further.**

Meeting concluded: 8.26pm