

WINTERBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

CLIMATE AND NATURE COMMITTEE

20 November 2023

A Collins (in the Chair)

A Collins (P) D Eldridge (P) L Fogg Rogers (P) S Hancock (A)

01/11/2023 - Election of Chair

A Collins was proposed by Cllr Fogg Rogers, seconded by Cllr Eldridge. A Collins was duly elected Chair.

02/11/2023 - Election of Vice Chair

Cllr Fogg Rogers was proposed by Cllr Eldridge, seconded by Cllr Collins. Cllr Fogg Rogers was duly elected as Vice Chair.

 $\underline{03/11/2023}$ - Evacuation procedure – Leave via the fire door and assemble outside in the play area – Noted

04.11/2023 - Apologies

Cllr Hancock

Also in attendance - Cllr Bruce.

05.11/2023 - Declaration of Interest Under the Localism Act 2011

Cllr Collins member of FRA (Frenchay Residents Association)

Cllr Fogg Rogers member of the Winterbourne and Frome Valley Environmental Group

06.11/23 – To consider immediate and seasonal LNAP tasks.

The Parish Council has been given permission by South Gloucestershire Council to plant in various grass verges in the Parish. Around 2000 crocus bulbs donated by Fishponds and Downend Rotary Club have already been planted at the small common at Whiteshill and Winterbourne Library. It is unsure currently if there will be any further bulbs available for planting this season.

The Forest of Avon Trust has agreed they should be able to provide trees, as outlined in the previous Council meeting for Whiteshill Common. It was felt that enough volunteers could be found to do the planting, however the depth of some of the soil on the Common is quite shallow in places so that would need to be checked in the areas we want to plant. The area would also need to be checked to ensure there are no utility cables present.

The Winterbourne WI has been wanting to plant 2 trees in the Parish for a while, one in memory of the late Queen and one to celebrate the Coronation of Charles III. As a tree was recently removed from the area of the green by Cloisters, it was

suggested they could possibly go there. Cllr Eldridge will contact Neil Gazzard at SGC to discuss.

Eldridge

The application for the grant from SGC for greening the High Street has been submitted.

A new group of litter pickers has been set up in Winterbourne. They will arrange for any bags or other items for the pick to be dropped off at the Greenfield Centre and then the full bags will be picked up from the Centre by SGC. The office will advertise events as requested.

07.11/2023 - To consider long term Climate and Nature Planning

A seasonal plan for planting is to be drawn up and Cllr Eldridge will look into this. This can be set up in Dropbox and the Clerk will give Cllrs Fogg Rogers and Eldridge access to this.

Eldridge

Clerk will send list to members of the verges that the Parish cut to see if there is a way to avoid so much cutting.

All the cutting for the Whiteshill Common wild flower meadow has been completed for this year. Work will start in March next year with regard to the WECA grant for pollinator pathways. There is some money which is allocated for a digital trail for the nature reserves.

08.11/2023 – To consider any items to be prepared and referred to full Council The Greening of the High Street and planting for Hambrook Common will both be referred back to Council for final decisions.

09.11/2023 - To note any other items to be reported

Future ideas suggested were for a volunteer centre for the village and a geo cache for the nature trails. Cllr Eldridge to investigate further.

Eldridge

Meeting concluded 6.45pm