



Blockley Parish Council – Environment Sustainability Committee

Minutes - Thursday 4th February 2021 7.30pm, remote via Zoom.

Present: Cllrs Paul Baines, Clare Turner and Sarah Longbottom (Clerk)
Members of the public: 0

1. The meeting opened at 7:32pm, apologies for absence accepted from Tom Bradley
2. Items for any other business: None
3. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations for items on the agenda – *Councillors must declare it if they have an interest in any matter before the council either at the start of the meeting or prior to commencement of discussion of the topic in question* – None
4. Elect a Chair – Clare Turner: Proposed by CT seconded by PB. To be proposed to full council as interim Chair until May 2021.
5. Review Terms of Reference – two amends were agreed:
 - Non-council members can be appointed to the committee
 - An additional aim of the committee is to improve conservation regeneration and biodiversityThe committee will propose the terms of reference to full council on 18th February 2021.
6. Climate Emergency
CT shared some of the topics discussed at the Cotswold District Council Climate Emergency Action Plan Conference. A paper is to be circulated to full council ahead of the February meeting with suggestions of how the parish council can lead the way in reducing carbon outputs at a local level. A proposal will be brought to council on 18th February 2021.

Actions: ESC0221:6.1 CT to investigate the possibility of the CDC representative advising at a parish level.

ESC0221:6.2 CT to discuss the strategies of Moreton in Marsh Town Council (MMTC) with a MMTC councillor.

ESC0221:6.3 Clerk to explore how parish councils are facilitating electric vehicle charging.

7. Parish wildlife – Discussion of the immediate impact that the parish council has on local biodiversity.

Actions: ESC0221:7.1 PB to contact Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust and CDC to discuss strategies at a parish level

ESC0221:7.2 CT to review the mowed areas of the parish, list and map to be supplied by the Clerk

8. Any other business - None
9. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 11th March 2021. 7:30pm. Recurring Zoom details.

Meeting closed at 08:35pm