



Blockley Parish Council Environmental Sustainability Working Group Meeting

Minutes - Thursday 22nd September 2021 7.30pm, Jubilee Hall.

Present: Cllrs - Clare Turner, Paul Baines and Jon Bryan
Sarah Longbottom (Clerk)

8 members of the public in attendance

Apologies: Charlie Mackinnon-Little, Kirsty Derson, Ruth Caladine, Marion Janner, Chris Walters and Mike Sharp.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The meeting opened at 7:30 with Cllr Turner thanking all those that were in attendance for giving up their time. Apologies were received and excepted as above.

2. The minutes of the meeting held on the 22nd July 2021 were agreed to be an accurate account of the meeting.
 1. Matters arising
 - The draft Climate and Ecological Action Plan has been written.
 - Mike Sharp has advised residents on means of maximising wildlife on their land and is available for any other residents of the parish that wish to consult him.
 - The logging of biodiversity across the parish has been included on the action plan.
 - The matter of speedy cars has been raised with full council at the Blockley Parish Council meeting on the 16th September 2021.
 - The matter of a footpath network has been raised with full council at the Blockley Parish Council meeting on the 16th September 2021.
 - A meeting with the Wildlife Trust is being arranged by Cllr Paul Baines.
3. A summary presentation was delivered by Dr Clare Turner on the Climate and Ecological Action Plan, key points were:
 - Why should BPC create an action plan?
 - Roles for individuals, businesses, community groups, national and local government
 - Ways in which local parish council can implement an action plan
 - Overview of the 17 actions relating to climate change
 - Overview of the 18 actions relating to biodiversity/ecology
 - Description of the consultation process and timings
4. An open discussion followed the summary presentation. Discussion points included:
 - Promotion and communication channels to ensure wide exposure (Church, school, shop, bus shelters, community events, The Voice)



- Ways to involve the primary school and other parish groups in the implementation of the plan
- Opportunities of re-wilding areas of the parish
- Identifying spaces to promote well-being of parishioners and the possibility of well-being walks
- Historical land use of common land, e.g. cows grazing on Churchill Close
- Signage to inform of noticeable plants and wildlife. QR codes on walking routes which link to biodiversity map
- Ecologist hosted walks
- Pesticide usage
- Local companies already adopting renewable energy sources and circular business waste

Residents expressed their gratitude for the working group spearheading community action and there was discussion and volunteering to promote the message to residents and community groups.

5. Drop-in feedback session

Working group members held one to one discussions with those in attendance, the boards displaying the action points were reviewed and contact details were obtained for the mailing list.

6. The public consultation opened (23rd Sept to 7th Oct)

Meeting closed at 8.48pm.

Next meeting 28th October 2021, venue TBC.