
Hollinswood and Randlay Parish Council

Chairman of the Committee: Councillor Vaughan-Hodkinson

Clerk: Katrina Baker MBE

CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING GROUP

MINUTES of the meeting held via Zoom on Monday, 13th July 2021 at 7pm.

PRESENT: Councillor S Vaughan-Hodkinson
Councillor H Unwin
Councillor S Unwin
Councillor J Creed
Councillor V Holt
G Johnson

In Attendance: Katrina Baker, Clerk

CC2021/013 WELCOME

The Chairman, Councillor Vaughan-Hodkinson, opened the meeting and welcomed members to meeting.

CC2021/014 APOLOGIES

None

CC2021/015 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no additional declarations to be recorded over and above the registered list.

CC2021/016 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28TH JUNE 2021

It was proposed by Councillor Creed and seconded by Councillor H Unwin, with one abstention, all were in favour and it was

RESOLVED that the Chairman should sign the minutes as a true and accurate record.

CC2021/017 MATTERS ARISING NOT ALREADY ON THE AGENDA

Councillor H Unwin reminded the Clerk that the information is still required in order for our Carbon Footprint to be calculated.

CC2021/018 TWC CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN

The Chairman had circulated a draft response to the Consultation for Members to consider.

Members took the opportunity to discuss and raise awareness of the Parish Depave Project and the Chairman was congratulated for including the information in the response, as an example of good practice. There are many advantages to this project, not only reducing the flooding, but reducing the need for energy to be used in pumping. It was a practical, and fairly cheap, direct and helpful way to reduce the carbon footprint. The Clerk will invite members of the PTC Working Group to include this on an Agenda and the Chairman will attend to explain the details and positive outcomes.

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CC2021/019 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT SURVEY

The model document had been circulated and thanks were extended to the staff for further information that has been added. This is a living document and Members and Staff are invited to add information.

Members took the opportunity to discuss some of the outcomes and costs, and initially these were in relation to

Insulation – community buildings

Recycling – to be reintroduced from September

Energy contract renewals

- Renewable
- Nuclear
- Exclude fossil fuels

Allotments – water butts, composting, wormery

It was agreed that the Chairman would continue to complete more of the details, and include possible actions for consideration.

This information will be useful at the Parish Strategy Meetings. It will also become a regular agenda item for Asset & Property Meetings.

CC2021/020 NEXT STEPS

It remains an ambition for the Parish Council to establish working relationships with companies on Stafford Park. The Clerk will contact some, initially, with a view to understanding their environmental responsibility and to ascertain details of their Climate Change Policies.

Members shared their own green ideas, which will be used as examples of good practice and included on the website and in social media posts as we promote the work of the CC WG.

- Shopping lists – use a reusable white board, add to a mobile phone or re-use envelopes
- Sandwich wraps – recyclable bags or wax wraps
- Have a Day without Your Screen – no phone or pc – encourage reading or playing games
- Reusable mugs, with possible discounts at companies such as Costa
- Composting – encourage families to reduce waste
- Change to LED lighting
- Draft-proof your home
- Turn the heating down (even by just 1degree)
- After boiling vegetables, allow water to cool and use to water the garden
- Use pencils not pens
- Use single cup kettles or only fill with sufficient water for the amount of drinks you are making
- Delete old emails, remove videos, photos on PCs and phones (reduce the need for excessive storage)
- Use shampoo and condition bars
- Plant and grow vegetables, using the garden, tubs or planters
- Use paper and twine to wrap gifts
- Buy locally and only buy what you actually need

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Hollinswood & Randlay Parish Council and Telford & Wrekin Council have signed up to a Parish Charter –
A commitment by all to work together for the benefit of the wider community.

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- Use newspapers as liners for compostable / food containers
- Wear an extra layer rather than put the heating on
- Slow down speed of drivers
- Use 'refil' shops
- Take your own bags / nets to buy fruit and veg

The Staff offered their green ideas

- Use recycled paper and pencils in the office
- Reduce email files and attachments
- Make effective use of the light sensors in community buildings
- Reduce the use of the van for short distances
- Plant more trees around the Parish
- Promote good practice ideas to local residents
- Set a good example to user groups

The Chairman will gather more information regarding the 14 recyclable items, as promoted by the Co-Op and will request a copy of their Sustainability Policy.

Use the website to promote the Group and offer examples to the community and user groups. Ask people to contact the Parish Council with other ideas.

Consider an event, in September / October to launch the HRPC Plan

Share our information with others, such as Hollinswood Primary School and other partners.

CC2021/021

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

4th October 2021

7pm

Hollinswood Neighbourhood Centre

There will be a zoom meeting prior to this meeting.

SignedDate