
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 at Hollinswood Neighbourhood Centre on Monday, 27th June 2022 at 7pm.

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

In Attendance: Katrina Baker, Clerk

CC2022/049 WELCOME

The Clerk opened the meeting and welcomed members, thanking them for attending.

CC2022/050 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Councillor S Unwin and seconded by Councillor H Unwin, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that Councillor Vaughan-Hodkinson be re-elected as the Chairman of the Climate Change Working Group for 2022/23.

Councillor Vaughan-Hodkinson read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, which was witnessed by the Clerk.

CC2022/051 APOLOGIES

None

CC2022/052 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Councillor Vaughan-Hodkinson and seconded by Councillor Creed, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that Councillor H Unwin be re-elected as the Vice Chairman of the Working Group for 2022/23.

Councillor H Unwin read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, which was witnessed by the Clerk.

CC2022/053 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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Members confirmed the registered list of declarations and Councillors H & S Unwin declared an interest in item 10 on the Agenda.

CC2022/054 TERMS OF REFERENCE

Members agreed that the Terms of Reference remain relevant and will be adopted until May 2023.

CC2022/055 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4th APRIL 2022

It was proposed by Councillor S Unwin and seconded by Councillor Creed, all were in favour and it was

RESOLVED that the Chairman should sign the minutes as a true and accurate record.
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CC2022/056 MATTERS ARISING NOT ALREADY ON THE AGENDA

All matters have been included on the agenda.

CC2022/057 GREEN DAY EVENT

Members were keen to host an event, in 2023, in accordance with the Parish Strategy and incorporating our Climate Change Action Plan and Commitments.

The event will aim to raise the awareness of climate change and encourage families to take steps to support the current agenda and identify ways in which everyone can play their part.

22nd April 2023 is Earth Day, and the Parish Council will be hosting a St George's Day event which will launch the event at Randlay Community Centre, and it may be possible to hold this event outdoors on the Randlay Green (depending on the current development plans). As part of our annual event, we will also hold activities, demonstrations and invite other organisations to attend to spread the word.

The Green Day event (yet to be named) will take place on Saturday, 14th October and will include feedback from activities which commenced in April. An example would be 'Locally Grown / Grow Your Own' produce where seeds had been distributed on Earth Day.

Invitations to attend will include Shropshire Wildlife Trust, RSPB, Smallwoods, Woodland Trust, Alison Bee Lady, Veolia, Friends of Groups, Allotment Tenants.

This will be the Parish Council's opportunity to lead by example.

It is also intended to encourage re-use, re-cycle and repair, so there will be an opportunity to hold a car book / table-top sale and invite the repair café and swap shop.

RESOLVED that the Events Committee be asked to secure the bookings and allocate the necessary staffing and funding requirements.

CC2022/058 CHEMICAL FREE ZONES

Members were keen to ensure that the Parish Council is working within its Climate Change Plan and observing the principles as we carry out our daily tasks.

The Parish Council is aware of areas of maintenance where chemicals are not necessary.

Contact with TWC and Idverde will identify further locations and we will obtain their policy and procedures regarding the use of chemicals.

A home-made weed control product is being trialed in the Parish and may offer a short-term solution as it may have to be applied more often.

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CC2022/059 SOLAR PANEL PROJECT

Further information is now available, although there remains some unanswered questions regarding the information comparisons on three options.

Members are keen to investigate this further, although the project is not cheap it does offer an opportunity for pay back within a limited period.

This will be particularly important as we could be advised to move away from gas heating and our electric consumption would escalate.

The Parish Council continues to believe that this type of project should be led by TWC across the Borough in order that all parish & town councils who manage buildings can benefit from the knowledge and economies of scale regarding purchase and installation. This has been put forward to the Climate Change Partnership, for consideration.

We will also enquire from TWC regarding recommendations and companies they have used on TW buildings.

CC2022/060 WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA

The Parish Council Climate Change Group now has its own webpage which is populated with useful information and includes tips for all local residents.

We are still considering a suitable logo, to combine our Parish with Zero30 and to promote the Reuse, Repair and Recycle green policy we have adopted.

CC2022/061 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

3rd October 2022

7.00pm

HNC Council Chamber

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.50pm, thanking everyone for their important contributions to a successful meeting. An additional meeting may be necessary.

SignedDate