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## Hollinswood and Randlay Parish Council

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### CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING GROUP

**MINUTES** of the meeting held at Hollinswood Neighbourhood Centre on Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 7.00pm.

**PRESENT:** Councillor S Vaughan-Hodkinson  
Councillor H Unwin  
Councillor S Unwin  
Councillor J Creed  
Councillor P Farrar

**In Attendance:** Katrina Baker, Clerk  
Glyn Johnson  
Stuart Fisher  
Liam Seabury

**CC23/013 WELCOME**

The Chairman welcomed Members and thanked them for attending. Six Scouts will be joining the meeting to share information about the work they have been doing regarding Climate Change.

**CC23/014 APOLOGIES**

None

**Absent**

Councillor C Furnival

**CC23/015 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members confirmed the registered list of declarations.

**CC23/016 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2023**

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

<b>RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.</b>
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**CC23/017 MATTERS ARISING**

The Chairman had joined members of staff in a visit to the Eco Assembly at Hollinswood Primary School on 12<sup>th</sup> June. The children are very enthusiastic and particularly knowledgeable about Climate Change and they, and their fellow students are always thinking about new initiatives and the Eco Committee have achieved a number of

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Awards for their work. The Chairman presented them with the Chairman's Annual Ward for 2022/23.

**CC23/018**

### **FIRST RANDLAY SCOUTS**

The Scout Leader and six scouts had requested an opportunity to come and speak to the Committee and to share information that they had collected regarding various aspects of Climate Change and Sustainability.

All the young people spoke clearly and had learned a lot about other forms of energy, including wind turbines and solar panels. They also talked about litter and the damage it can do, especially to animals. There was also information about reducing waste, cutting down on electricity use and using LED light bulbs.

The Chairman thanked them all for attending and explained that it is these issues that this Committee talks about and we hope to hear from them again in the future when we can also share with them the work that the Parish Council has been doing to support the community.

**CC23/019**

### **PLASTIC FREE TASKFORCE**

Our Chairman is also the Chair of the TW Plastic-free Taskforce which is a Borough-wide initiative which had originally contacted Town Councils but is now keen to work with Parish Councils, too. The TW Officer will attend a Committee meeting in the future and share information on TW's aims to reduce the use of single-use plastic, or eventually to get rid of it completely. Other members of the Taskforce include Wrekin Housing Group and companies from across Telford. They are keen to know about local initiatives and local sustainable alternatives. Parish & Town Councils should be working towards Plastic Free Status.

Our Parish Council has registered and we have made a good start towards identifying three things that we have already done – such as using glass jugs with recycled / recyclable drinking mugs (rather than plastic bottles).

We will be interacting with our community. We included helpful tips in our calendar and this will be one of the key themes of the Parish Conference on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

It would be good practice to undertake an audit of our 'business'. The link may provide a formatted system for undertaking such an audit, to ensure everything is listed and that any ideas for change can be included.

<p><b>RESOLVED that Hollinswood &amp; Randlay Parish Council has and will continue the process of phasing out its own use of single-use plastics as well as encouraging local businesses and organisations to work towards the same objective. The Parish Council, Councillors and Officers will support these goals.</b></p>
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### **CC23/020 SURFERS AGAINST SEWAGE**

It was proposed by Councillor Vaughan-Hodkinson and seconded by Councillor Creed that Councillor Farrar would take on the role of co-ordinating information and for keeping our information and website up to date regarding these initiatives.

### **CC23/021 WORKING WITH LOCAL BUSINESSES**

Members agreed that we should be engaging with local businesses to ascertain their thoughts on the use of single-use plastics and to find out their policies in this regard and to enquire if they have a plan to reduce the amount of waste.

We would start with the local centre shops before tackling Stafford Park. A standard set of questions would be created – offers of help would be appreciated.

### **CC23/022 'WE LOVE TO BE GREEN' EVENT**

The event will take place on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2023 on the Pavilion Field (weather permitting) and will be from 12 noon until 2pm.

There will be a variety of activities and stalls will be invited to showcase our 'Love To Be Green' day.

There has been a lot of interest for stalls and information pitches at the event which will include

The Bike Hub

Smallwoods

Repair Café

Veolia

HAU

SES Lighting

Other possibilities include towelling nappies and Master Composters. If anyone knows of other suggestions, please do get in touch.

### **CC23/023 RANDLAY COMMUNITY CENTRE – SOLAR POWER**

This project has been under consideration for a number of years. A full report will go to Asset & Property Committee where three quotations will be presented. All companies have recommended that we do not include batteries at this time, although the systems will be able to add them at a later date, if needed.

Systems for three-phase are under development.

The proposed system could have up to 82 panels, producing around 26kw. Payback would depend on usage, but the system could return up to 330% over a 25 year period.

A planning survey and roof inspections would be required before any order can be placed.

### **C23/024 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

A briefing will be arranged for the We Love to be Green day – a date and time will be circulated.

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Signed .....Date .....

