
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, 4th December 2023 at 8.00pm.

PRESENT: Councillor S Vaughan-Hodkinson
Councillor H Unwin
Councillor S Unwin
Councillor P Farrar

In Attendance: Katrina Baker, Clerk
Glyn Johnson
Stuart Fisher
Liam Seabury
Councillor P Cranfield

CC23/025 WELCOME
The Chairman welcomed Members and thanked them for attending.

CC23/026 APOLOGIES
Councillor J Creed Health reasons

RESOLVED that the apologies be accepted.

CC23/027 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
Members confirmed the registered list of declarations.

CC23/028 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26th JUNE 2023
It was proposed by Councillor S Unwin, seconded by Councillor Farrar, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 26th June 2023 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

CC23/029 MATTERS ARISING
None

CC23/030 PLASTIC FREE TASKFORCE
Following our Registration, as reported at the last meeting, Paula and Sophia have been inputting the Council's pledges although the system is proving complicated. It is still intended that an officer (Mark) will attend a Parish Council Working Group meeting to discuss our progress direct. Councillor Vaughan-Hodkinson will make the necessary arrangements

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MIDDLE MARCHES COMMUNITY LAND TRUST

Councillor Farrar had attended an event on 17th November to represent the Parish Council which had guest speakers giving presentations regarding bio-diversity and funding to buy land. There was also a speaker on 'Recovering Nature across Shropshire' which was very interesting. There was an emphasis on local people knowing what can be done and how. There was a list of possible projects, most of which the Parish Council already undertakes, which include:

- Seeds and vegetables in raised planters (Community buildings and Estates)
- Planting trees and hedges (The Valley and The Muddy)
- Wild-flower seed bombs (Randlay and Hollinswood Flower beds)
- Creation of a wildflower meadow (Randlay Valley and Estates)
- Bee huts (refuelling stations) - Randlay Valley
- Swift (and other) bird boxes - Dunsheath and Randlay Valley
- Bug hotels – HNC and Randlay Valley
- Randlay Rain Garden

The Parish Council is already in discussion with TWC and Idverde regarding the reduction in verge maintenance to give insects opportunities to breed and for them to have a safe haven to reside.

Councillor Vaughan-Hodkinson will visit STW with the River Ranger to understand more about clean rivers.

The Parish Council will arrange a visit to Donnington Parish Council to find out more about local projects.

CC23/032

WE LOVE TO BE GREEN' EVENT

The event took place on 21st October 2023 at the Pavilion.

There was a variety of activities and stalls.

There has been a lot of interest for stalls and information pitches at the event but the attendance from the communities was low.

We now have a format to promote our work on climate change which can be used at future events.

CC23/033

HOLLINSWOOD PAVILION – SOLAR POWER

The company undertaking the installation at Randlay Community Centre had attended the event at The Pavilion and took the opportunity to survey the building. This will remain under discussion. A grant application could be submitted to assist. In the meantime, costs for a tree survey and roof survey will be obtained.

CC23/034

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

To be arranged.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15pm.

SignedDate