

Climate Change Forum

Minutes of the meeting held on 6th June 2023, 7.30 pm at Mandeville Hall, Tan House Lane, Burwell

Present Clive Leach (Chair), Paul Webb, Jenny Moss, Lea Dodds, Michael Swift, Liz Swift, Jim Perry, Helen McMenamin-Smith, Martin O Leary, Nicola Hallows, and Yvonne Rix (Parish Clerk).

Jenny Moss as outgoing Chair thanked the members of the group who had been involved with the presentation to the Burwell Belles (Women’s Institute). The presentation had been well received. She also thanked members for their help and support during her time as Chair.

1. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Michael Swift proposed, seconded by Liz Swift that Jenny Moss should be nominated as Chair of the Climate Change Forum. Michael O’Leary proposed, seconded by Nicola Hallows that Clive Leach should be nominated as Chair of the Climate Change Forum. Following a vote, having received the majority of votes, Clive Leech was duly elected as Chair of the Climate Change Forum.

Helen McMenamin-Smith nominated Jenny Moss as Vice Chair of the Climate Change Forum. This was seconded by Michael Swift. With no further nominations Jenny Moss was duly elected as Vice Chair.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Geraldine Tate, Ian Woodroofe, and Brenda Wilson.

3. Approval of the minutes of 4th April 2023

Minutes of the meeting held on 4th April 2023 were approved following an amendment regarding the implications of closing the previous meeting prematurely. Proposed by Michael Swift and seconded by Paul Webb.

4. Climate Change Action Sheet – Consideration of items and updates to the Climate Change Action Sheet

The following items were considered, and updates received:

Item	
Climate Action Policy	Lea Dodds reported that he had started to go through the document and had shared some of his thoughts on amendments with the original authors, Paul Webb, and Jenny Moss. He is happy to continue going through the document. His first thoughts are that the action points listed in the initial document are too ambitious and also need to have an achievable timeline to work to. Paul Webb pointed out that originally the emphasis for the document was based on changes that could be made with the Council’s own properties. Nicola Hallows asked that a reference to biodiversity is included in the revised document. A subgroup should be formed to move the review forward. Liz Swift expressed that Paul Webb and Jenny Moss had done a fantastic job in compiling the original document, which was one of the first documents of its type and that the document had received recognition within the sector. Clive Leech commented that the group needs to put pressure on organisations such as the District Council, Anglian Water etc. on behalf of the community with regards to climate change.
Energy usage and	The Clerk has contacted Sharman and Grimwade regarding the

sources	<p>quotation for assessing Mandeville Hall and Jubilee Reading Room and is waiting for the quotation to come in.</p> <p>J J Drake do install EV Points; however, it may be necessary to use a commercial provider. Paul Webb and Clive Leech to investigate possible commercial organisations.</p>
Transport and travel	<p>Paul Webb attended a meeting regarding the new Greenway Cycle Route from Cambridge to Swaffham Prior. There is no intention at this stage to continue the greenway through to Burwell. Contact should be made with Sustran to see if they can suggest any way, we could get the greenway extended through into Burwell.</p> <p>ECDC has commissioned Sustran to carry out feasibility studies for cycleways around the Burwell area and funding left over from the original budget has allowed further investigative work to be requested. It is important that the Council and Climate Change Forum should continue to put pressure on ECDC with regard to the provision of local cycleways. Yvonne Rix to contact Sally Bonnet (ECDC) for update. Michael Swift commented that he did not feel that creating a one-way system in Burwell to create improved provision for cyclists would be welcomed by the village.</p>
Agriculture and food	<p>Nicola Hallows reported that the group 2G3S has applied Zero funding from the Zero Carbon Community Grant Fund and if successful is looking to put on road shows about sustainable agriculture and food production.</p> <p>The lack of involvement in the group of the local farming community was noted. A further post on the Community Facebook page inviting any one involved or interested in farming may be beneficial. Jenny Moss reported that she had written to the local NFU but had received no response. Martin O'Leary agreed to speak to a local farmer that he knows to see if they would be interested. Speaking to Wicken Fen may also be useful. Paul Webb to contact.</p> <p>Item to be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.</p>
Housing and infrastructure	<p>No updates.</p> <p>Paul Webb reported that there is a company working with Cambridgeshire County Council who install cavity and roof insulation to privately owned properties which current have no insulation or below required levels of insulation free of charge. There is no means testing process to go through.</p> <p>This is the kind of information that can be provided on the Burwell Environment Group Website in the future.</p>
Local business	<p>No further update. It was suggested that a separate village survey could be drawn up for businesses.</p>
Waste and resources	<p>Paul Webb still needs to provide the Clerk details of the website to register the water refill points.</p> <p>There is a gap in recycling for the disposal of small electrical items which can currently only be disposed of by taking them to the recycling depots at Milton or Witchford. This means that a number of appliances end up in the black bin bags and landfill. The Clerk agreed to write to East Cambs District Council to see if there is anything that can be done about this. Liz Swift reported that she</p>

	<p>was attending a Camfund seminar later in the week and if the opportunity arises would discuss the issue with the group.</p> <p>The Clerk has registered for the waste exemption permits for the proposed compost bins at Priory Meadow, the Recreation Ground, and the Cemetery. These last for three years. Wild Burwell to put together some operating instructions for the compost bins to ensure that they produce a sanitised substance.</p> <p>Water tanks are now in place at Priory Meadow and Pauline's Swamp. These to be filled with water shortly. Both need some form of padlocking. Jim Perry has some syphoning kits which could be used at Pauline's Swamp.</p>
Environment and land use	<p>Nicola Hallows reported that Wild Burwell had worked with Soham Village College planting trees. She thanked Bob Rawlinson for providing and the Parish Council for organising the water tank at Priory Meadow. She continued by highlighting the wildflower growth at the rear of the cemetery and suggested that members take the opportunity to visit the area. Wild Burwell is disappointed that the verges had been cut between the War Memorial and the British Legion on 1st June 2023. The verges had contained a number of wildflowers and leaving them uncut for another month would have been beneficial. Wild Burwell will be holding their AGM on Sunday 16th July. Delta T Devices may have some pallets available that could be used to create the compost bins. The Clerk to contact. Wild Burwell is looking to manage the compost bins on Priory Meadow and remove the arising from Pound Hill to Priory Meadow, along with helping if required, for the Community Garden. The Wildflower notice on Pound Hill is very informative.</p>
Village Survey	<p>Burwell Environment Group looking at the Survey and will look to either extending or creating a further survey for businesses.</p>
Fossil Fuels	<p>No further update at this stage, Clive Leech to move forward as and when possible.</p>
Education	<p>The feed back from the Burwell Belles WI Group was very good. Helen McMenamin-Smith reported that a parent who home educates their children is keen to be involved with the Community Garden and would also like to liaise with Max Jamieson to encourage those using the skate park to become involved in the planting of wildflowers. A member of staff from the GP Surgery would also like to involve some of her clients with the project. Jenny Moss reported that there is already extensive publicity available for schools.</p>

5. Any Other Business

CANFUND Workshop

Liz Swift and Paul Webb to attend a two-hour Climate Change workshop looking at funding options on Thursday 8th June 2023.

6. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting to be held on Tuesday 4th July 2023 at Gardiner Memorial Hall, 7.30 pm. The meeting ended at 8.28 pm.

Signed

Dated