

## Climate Change Forum May 2022

### Minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022 7.30 pm At Mandeville Hall, Tan House Lane, Burwell

**Present** Jenny Moss (Chair), Jim Perry, Geraldine Tate, Paul Webb (Minutes), Brenda Wilson, Nicola Hallows, Rachel O’Leary, Gill Miller, Peter Lancaster (BEG).

1. Apologies for absence

Yvonne Rix (Clerk). Lea Dodds, Liz Swift, Mike Swift, Martin O’Leary, Linda Hart.

2. Approval of the minutes of 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022

The minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022 were approved and signed as a true and correct record. Proposed –Jim Perry, seconded – Brenda Wilson.

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

Item	Action Required	Person/Status
<b>Climate Action Policy</b>		
Energy usage and sources	Assess BPC Carbon Footprint  Encourage use of <a href="https://footprint.wwf.org.uk/">https://footprint.wwf.org.uk/</a> Share on our website	Phil McGrory gave a presentation at a village BEG meeting on 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2022. Rachel O’Leary stated very useful talk. Cost for Mandeville, £577. Nicola Hallows suggested ‘Ring App ‘carbon calculator – cost? Paul Webb – Asset & Environment Group discussed & suggested held over until Mandeville Hall Climate Change refurb.
Transport and travel	EV Charging Points Cycle paths	Jenny Moss – 75% grant – Emily Bolton CCC – Paul Webb to follow up. Paul Webb to speak to ECDC regarding other funding options and has contacted Pod Point for commercial quote. Gill Miller- Free Lamppost Scheme CCC – Gill Miller to advise. Peter Lancaster – Suggested contacting Duncan Grindley Burwell EV re install costs. BEG have made a list of possible village EV charging sites. Jenny Moss – Exning cycle path update – work on Exning side.
Agriculture and food	Allotments Work with local farmers	Jenny Moss asked Brenda Wilson to draft letter to send to farmers, following discussion on this topic. Jenny Moss to send letter as Chair, to list of farmers provided by Brenda Wilson – contact details incl email & tel no to be provided. It was agreed to copy letter to Wicken Fen Chair also. Jenny Moss/Paul Webb attended recent Wicken Fen Forum (as BPC representatives) where an experimental Carbon Capture Soil Scheme raising water levels of land, had been briefly mentioned. Paul Webb – there is a dept in CCC that has Carbon Capture calculators and will assist local communities to assess their carbon footprint.
Housing and infrastructure	Focus on the need for new builds to be carbon neutral Neighbourhood Plan	Recent presentation to Parish Council by This Land indicates that they will be looking at sustainable methods of heating for properties in Phase 3. However, the rest of the site has been sold

		<p>on to the Vistry Group who will only be looking at meeting current climate change regulations and will also be thinking of bringing in gas to the site.</p> <p>The last Local Plan for ECDC was published in 2015. At this stage there does no further update is in the pipelines.</p> <p>Jenny Moss - letter to Vistry.</p> <p>Jenny Moss - emailed Lucy Fazer – responses awaited.</p> <p>Jenny Moss - Clunch letter June/July – Gas Boiler Issues</p>
Local business		<p>Jenny Moss to speak to Co-op regarding the installation of EV points on their premises - ?</p> <p>Jenny Moss letter to Businesses asking what they are intending to do/have done – re Climate Change. Brenda Wilson to draft letter.</p> <p>Paul Webb – list of local businesses to Jenny Moss</p>
Waste and resources	<p>Promote recycling/upcycling</p> <p>Repair Cafe</p> <p>Water refill stations</p>	<p>Repair café has been approved – steering group set up.</p> <p>GMH phase 2 plan will have repair café in funding applications.</p> <p>Repair café initially at Mandeville?</p> <p>Registrations/Booking online, Walk-in slots &amp; donation boxes – steering committee team – 5 or 6 needed.</p> <p>Café monthly/bi-monthly – steering committee under climate change forum group – BPC.</p> <p>McKays, Cambridge will offer set of tools up to £1K for £20 from BPC. Insurance issues – BPC</p> <p>Jenny Moss – water refill – coop written to but no reply. Paul Webb will follow up,</p> <p>BPC – ask to have water refill compression tap outside all facilities.</p>
Environment and land use	<p>Tree Planting</p> <p>Wild flowering</p> <p>Community Gardens</p> <p>Environment Agency</p>	<p>Jenny Moss – Updated group re Community Garden proposals Pound Hill &amp; Recreation Ground.</p> <p>Jenny Moss – room for planting Spring Close &amp; Pauline’s Swamp.</p> <p>Jenny Moss suggested a possible Priory Wood extension as Jubilee Donation, the starting point would be to contact the instigators of Priory Wood.</p> <p>A proposal to further discuss / action wildlife corridor Spring Close to Pauline’s Swamp – agreed to discuss next meeting.</p> <p>Jenny Moss agreed to talk with Wicken Fen re approach to farmers.</p> <p>Weirs Drove tree planting discussed, but this is CCC issue.</p> <p>Jenny Moss - Mature Tree &amp; Shrub Planting &amp; BPC tree survey briefly discussed. Jenny Moss/Nicola Hallows suggested Clunch article re value of trees in community.</p> <p>Peter Lancaster is liaising with ECDC re wilding area near bench in Chestnut Rise.</p> <p>It was suggested arising in Priory Close are place in pre-defined small area Priory Close.</p> <p>Nicola Hallows – BPC grass cutting contractors advertise they cut &amp; collect – do not appear to do so – Jenny Moss to discuss with BPC</p> <p>Nicola Hallows -cemetery grass composting – Local composting policy to be constructed/evaluated Jenny Moss to discuss with BPC</p>

		<p>Rachel O’Leary – stated composting needs to mixed – new with old.</p> <p>Jenny Moss – suggested forming Composting Study Group re Community Composting &amp; has invited speaker Kim Ashton to speak at next meeting on Wildlife &amp; Verges</p> <p>Community Garden – Jenny Moss to arrange Pound Hill meeting to rope off area for wild flowers.</p> <p>Nicola Hallows – requested Bolton Close left high at 7cm as contractor says he can’t do 10cm.</p> <p>Wild Flowering – Nicola Hallows requested we call this Biodiversity.</p> <p>IPCC reported mentioned &amp; Paul Webb requested copy – report states increasing climate change risks and 75% reduction in flying insect population, resulting in reduced pollination – Wild Burwell very concerned.</p> <p>Nicola Hallows mentioned use of insecticides and requested that BPC should be asked to minimise use. Paul Webb stated this is already policy and a discussion took place.</p> <p>Nicola Hallows - an area in the cemetery for wildflowers appears not be managed?</p> <p>Wild Burwell would like to propose a meeting/involvement with Asset &amp; Environment Group to provide joint liaison – Jenny Moss to investigate with BPC. Jenny Moss noted that by working together and preparing plans in advance, could be potentially helpful to BPC.</p> <p>Nicola Hallows – Wild Burwell requests that BPC attributes finances to Climate Change Policy.</p> <p>Paul Webb stated that the Finance Group had already agreed to do this, this year.</p> <p>Brenda Wilson/Rachel O’Leary suggested that all BPC Working Groups to take Climate Change issues into account and report on these aspects of work – Jenny Moss to discuss with BPC.</p>
<b>Village Survey</b>		<p>Paul Webb explained lottery funding unsuccessful, but that BEG were still willing to put survey together to submit to CCFG – BEG to action.</p>
<b>Green Open Day</b>	Spring Close Youth Group Involvement	<p>A discussion on the possibility of Spring Close hosting Green Open Day July/Aug. Jenny Moss to liaise with Martin O’Leary (to be discussed next Spring Close meeting).</p> <p>Jenny Moss written to Cara ( 2<sup>nd</sup> Burwell Guides ).</p> <p>Jenny Moss to write to BAFY – Tom Fell re youth involvement.</p> <p>Jim Perry suggested getting youth involved tree planting Priory Wood and involving Balsham Tree nursery in project.</p>

4. Any Other Business

Nicola Hallows mention Big Plastic Count – An initiative to count/report all plastic containers used in a specific week.

Peter Lancaster mentioned 13 groups signed up for Protect our Planet Carnival Parade.

5. Date of the next meeting – 5<sup>th</sup> July 2022 7.30 pm at Gardiner Memorial Hall

The meeting closed at 20:31.

Signed

Dated