

Climate Change Forum

Minutes of the meeting held on 5th July 2022

At Gardiner Memorial Hall, High Street, Burwell

Present: Jenny Moss (Chair), Lea Dodds, Gill Miller, Jim Perry, Liz Swift, Michael Swift, Geraldine Tate, Paul Webb, Yvonne Rix, Peter Lancaster (BEG), Nicola Hallows (Wild Burwell), and Rachel O'Leary (Spring Close).

1. Apologies for absence
Apologies for absence had been received from Linda Hart, Martin O'Leary, and Brenda Wilson
2. Approval of the minutes of 17th May 2022
As there were several typing errors within the draft minutes it was agreed that the minutes should be corrected and brought back to the next meeting for approval.
3. Climate Change Action Sheet – Consideration of items and updates to the Climate Change Action Sheet

Item	Action Required	Person/Status
Climate Action Policy		
Energy usage and sources	Assess BPC Carbon Footprint Encourage use of https://footprint.wwf.org.uk/ Share on our website and BEG FB page Letter to Clunch	There are various apps which calculate carbon footprints. These should be investigated. Paul Webb to look at the Cambridgeshire County Council version to see if this could be of use. Jenny Moss suggested that the carbon footprint of the Gardiner Memorial Hall should be looked at how the hall is complete. However, the footprint should have decreased immensely as will now be using 2/3rds less energy than before. As part of the refurbishment Sharman Grimwade has already made similar calculations. It was thought that Mandeville Hall maybe a better option if the funding was available to carry out the survey.
Transport and travel	EV Charging Points Cycle paths	Paul Webb still investigating about EV Charging Points. Electricity is in place ready for EV Charging points at the Gardiner Memorial Hall (7KW and 22KW). Gill Miller to find out if ECDC has any money available for installing charging points. # Site for 91 Park Homes on Weirs Drove nearing completion. Owners of these properties will need to use their vehicles to access village amenities. Consideration should be given to ways that the use of cars can be mitigated such as a minibus travelling regularly into the village. Jenny Moss to contact the owners of the site. Rachel O'Leary informed the Group that the paths in Priory Wood are being used by horses. Laminated sign explaining that horses are not allowed in Priory Wood should be posted in Priory Meadow along the path heading into the wood. ECDC carrying out feasibility studies for a Burwell to Fordham/Soham Cycle path, improvements to Burwell to Swaffham Prior and work is still ongoing on the Burwell to Exning cycle path.
Agriculture and food	Promote local produce Liaise with BAGs over allotments Work with local farmers	Letters to farmers almost ready to go out

Housing and infrastructure	Focus on the need for new builds to be carbon neutral Neighbourhood Plan	The Vistry homes on the Newmarket Road development all have EV charging points. Continued pressure should be put on Vistry to install renewable powered heating systems, noting in letters sent that the local MP is involved. There is some discussion currently in Parliament about housing being built at this stage have gas boilers when in three years' time they will be banned.
Local business		Brenda Wilson has compiled a Letter to businesses ready to go out. The letter talks about renewables and opportunities available to business, giving them something to think about.
Waste and resources	Promote recycling/upcycling Water refill stations Repair Cafe	<p><i>The Climate Change Forum recommends to Full Council that all Council buildings should have a water refill station.</i></p> <p>The Steering Group for the Repair Café has been set up. The next meeting of the Steering Group will be on 13th July to look at who has volunteered to help so far (roughly split 50/50 between repairs and other volunteers wishing to be involved). Repairers will need to be vetted, risk assessment carried out and insurance sorted. A meeting is due to be on 27th July for all those who have shown an interest. A provisional date of October 1st has been set for the first Repair Café session. The Café will need to be well publicised using, Clunch, Facebook, the Council Website and word of mouth. The Group is likely to need a bank account and constitution. In the meantime, money may need to be ring fenced within the Parish Council account.</p> <p><i>A recommendation to be made to Full Council that £100.00 is allocated to the Steering Group for the initial costs involved with setting up the Repair Café.</i></p>
Environment and land use	Tree Planting Wild flowering/Biodiversity Community Gardens Environment Agency	<p>Wild Burwell putting together a grass cutting management proposal for the Assets and Environment Working Group to consider which will include composting. Yvonne Rix to provide a date that the plan should be with the Council for consideration. Paul Webb informed the Forum that Pauline's Swamp could benefit from some trees from the tree nursery being planted. Ash Dieback is hitting the village. Older Ash trees tend to recover but the younger trees tend to die. The Woodland Trust could be approached to supply replacement Ash trees which are resilient to the disease.</p> <p>One of the trees on Pound Hill appears to have died. This tree was planted by a resident without permission. Nicola Hallows commented that she was disappointed with the size of the area on Pound Hill left for wilding. She also advised against planting further trees on Pound Hill due to the make-up of the soil.</p> <p>There is a tree down on the edge of Priory Wood. Concern has been raised about the length of the grass on one side of Priory Meadow. It was suggested that this should not be cut until mid to late August. Volunteers to rake up arisings and residents made aware of the availability of free hay.</p> <p>The Tree Nursery is developing an agreement for those who take trees which includes who will care for the trees (water, weed etc.)</p> <p>Jenny Moss reported that she has put a request on Facebook asking residents to start taking cuttings for the Community</p>

		Garden. The design for the garden will be shared at the next meeting.
Village Survey		No further progress has been made on the village survey.
Green Open Day		It has been decided not to have a Green Open Day this year. The Trustees of Pauline's Swamp would prefer not to combine the Green Open Day with the Pauline's Swamp Open Day. An Open Day could be organised for next year at Spring Close. The Guild Hall could be used for toilets and water if available. The suggestion will be taken back to the Spring Close Management Group.

4. Any Other Business

Utilising an area of Spring Close for composting of arisings was suggested. It is noted that village areas are quite large, therefore creating a lot of arisings to be composted. A Composting Plan for the village may be of use – Wild Burwell to note. The arisings from this years' hay cut at Spring Close should be taken away, but this is becoming less cost effective for the grass cutter. The Cemetery is not appropriate for substantial amounts of composting and the Allotment holders are not keen for areas of the allotments to be utilised for composting.

Jenny Moss reported that she has been asked if she could do a talk for Burwell Belles (WI).

Members from the other village environmental groups to be involved.

Jenny Moss has also spoken to the Guides and Rangers Leader, who would like to know what could be involved. It is thought that the girls could take part in workdays at Pauline's Swamp and Spring Close, as well as being involved with litter picking.

5. Date of the next meeting – 2nd August 2022 at Gardiner Memorial Hall

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Signed

Dated