

Frampton Cotterell Parish Council



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An **ORDINARY MEETING** of the **CLIMATE & NATURE COMMITTEE** was held on **WEDNESDAY 22nd MARCH** at 6.30 pm at the Brokeridge Centre and was attended by the following:

Chairman: Cllr D Goodwin

Parish Councillors: Cllr T Clark, Cllr P Hockey, Cllr D Hockey, Cllr M Bolton, Cllr J Selman

Non-voting member: D. Hanks

In Attendance: 1 members of the public

Minute Taker: Daisy Finniear (Climate & Nature Officer)

ITEM	MINUTE	VOTE / ACTION
CN/2023/115	APOLOGIES	
	Cllr L Williams. IT WAS RESOLVED that the absence be noted.	Proposed: JS Seconded: DG All in favour
CN/2023/116	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST / DISPENSATIONS	
	No declarations or dispensations received.	
CN/2023/117	APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING	
	IT WAS RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of January 11 th 2023 be approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting and be signed accordingly.	Proposed: DG Seconded JS All in Favour.
CN/2023/118	OPEN MEETING	
	No issues raised.	
CN/2023/119	BUDGET AND EMR REVIEW	

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	<p>EMRs 332 and 338 were reviewed and noted.</p> <p>The Bee Bold Pollinator Fund application was considered. Adding South Glos Council grass verges to the application was discussed.</p> <p>IT WAS RESOLVED to apply for the Bee bold pollinator fund round 2 at the requested amount of up to £9,999.</p> <p>IT WAS RESOLVED to work with Frampton Cotterell Nature as community collaborators on the Bee Bold Pollinator projects.</p> <p>IT WAS RESOLVED to agree to match fund up to 20% of the Bee Bold Pollinator grant received up to a maximum of £2000.</p>	<p>Proposed: JS</p> <p>Seconded: DG</p> <p>All in favour</p>
CN/2023/120	LEAF WORKING GROUP	
	<p>The motion to note the actions from the working group from the 8th February 2023 and 8th March 2023 and review recommendations was considered.</p> <p>IT WAS RESOLVED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) To approve a spend of £300 for the BioBlitz event. b) To approve a spend of £200 for wildlife art competition prizes. c) To approve purchase FSC guides, pots and lenses up to a spend of £250 from the allocated £3000 wildlife equipment reserve from EMR 332. 	<p>Proposed: DG</p> <p>Seconded: JS</p> <p>All in favour</p>
CN/2023/121	REQUEST FROM PLASTIC FREE FRAMPTON COTTERELL: TERRACYCLE	
	<p>The request from Plastic Free Frampton Cotterell to install a dental recycling station at the Bockeridge Centre was discussed. It was noted that the Plastic Free Group would arrange the recycling station to be installed and sent away when full.</p> <p>IT WAS RESOLVED to approve the request from Plastic Free Frampton Cotterell to install a dental recycling station (or similar free Terracycle scheme) at the Bockeridge Centre.</p>	<p>Proposed: DG</p> <p>Seconded: JS</p> <p>All in favour.</p>
CN/2023/122	NATURE TRAIL BOOKLETS FUNDING REQUEST	
	<p>Cllr M Bolton proposed that a downloadable version of the nature trail booklets be made available and that parishioners should be consulted to gauge how many would use online copies vs printed copies. D Hanks confirmed that PDF versions would be available in addition to print copies.</p> <p>Cllr D Hockey raised that 500 printed copies may cost more per copy than 1000, therefore should consider buying more.</p>	<p>Proposed: DG</p> <p>Seconded: DH</p> <p>All in favour.</p>

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	<p>D Hanks confirmed that the printed booklets would be free with an optional donation.</p> <p>Cllr D Goodwin proposed an amendment to the motion to include market research to verify the 500 printed copies figure.</p> <p>IT WAS RESOLVED to approve the funding request to print 500 nature trail booklets at a cost of up to £900 after conducting market research to gauge parishioners preference for printed vs online booklets.</p>	
CN/2023/123	THE PARK CONSERVATION PLAN	
	<p>Cllr T Clark attended the PARC Committee meeting on the 21st March 2023 and provided an update on The Park conservation plan discussions. He explained that Cllr T Niblett had raised concerns over zone 1 and 2 at the PARCS committee, stating the zones could encroach on the areas used as youth sports pitches. Cllr Niblett had proposed removing sections of The Park conservation plan to accommodate sport use. Cllr Clark felt that the sports clubs required clarity on the conservation plan zones and the fluidity of the mapped areas, rather than a revision to the original plan.</p> <p>Cllr Clark added that the plan needed further explanation to show that the zones will be accessible, not fenced off and will largely be comprised of longer grass/wildflower zones.</p> <p>Cllr Clark continued to propose that a to-scale map is created for the conservation plan to clarify areas with the sports club. A professional may be required to create a scaled map due to staff capacity.</p> <p>Cllr Selman also attended the PARCS committee and added that he voted against the motion to amend the Park conservation plan and felt that any issues the sports clubs had could be solved through clarification rather than amendments.</p> <p>Nature Officer explained that the conservation plan does not provide accurate dimensions that could be used to create a to scale map. The plan is not rigid, for example stating areas to be less than or equal to 2m in zone 1. The areas can therefore be altered within this margin to accommodate sports clubs. It was confirmed that prospective contractors will receive a copy of the existing pitch maps.</p> <p>IT WAS RESOLVED:</p> <p>a) that in parallel to going to quote for The Park conservation plan, to investigate creating a clear map with the sports pitches/run off zones and conservation plan together. If</p>	<p>Proposed: DG</p> <p>Seconded: MB</p> <p>All in favour</p>

	<p>conflict is discovered between the conservation areas and the pitch zones, to adjust the areas slightly as per the plans advice to not encroach on sports pitches.</p> <p>b) to delegate to the clerk to approve the spend for a map to be created externally if this cannot be undertaken by officers.</p>	
CN/2023/124	COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER REPORT	
	<p>The Communication Officers report was reviewed. It was proposed by Cllr Clark that updates should be provided by the Chair and Vice Chair to the Communications Officer.</p> <p>IT WAS RESOLVED:</p> <p>a) to nominate the Chair and Vice Chair of the Climate and Nature Committee to provide quarterly updates to the Communications Officer.</p> <p>b) that each news update be sent to the Communications Officer as per the deadlines in the report.</p>	<p>Proposed: TC</p> <p>Seconded: JS</p> <p>All in favour</p>
CN/2023/125	POND QUOTATIONS	
	<p>The Nature Officer explained that the 3rd quote had not yet been received for the pond construction work, and the updates had not yet been received regarding costs of a bentonite clay liner.</p> <p>Cllr D Hockey raised that information should be made available regarding pond works and safety.</p> <p>IT WAS RESOLVED to wait to receive the pond liner updates from the contractors before accepting and for the LEAF working group to develop a pond communications plan to include safety information.</p>	<p>Proposed: DG</p> <p>Seconded: JS</p> <p>All in favour</p>
CN/2023/126	DOGS AND BIRD NESTING SIGNS	
	<p>Cllr Selman summarised the motion to consider keeping dogs on leads during bird nesting season and to create signs to urge people to keep dogs out of wildlife zones. Cllr Selman explained that he had read studies highlighting the negative impact dogs can have on wildlife populations, such as larks.</p> <p>Cllr Bolton felt that dog welfare must be considered as owners have a duty of care to provide off lead exercise. Education on responsible dog ownership and recall training should instead be encouraged.</p> <p>Cllr P Hockey felt that it was unreasonable to request people to keep dogs on leads during Spring and Summer and a high proportion of residents are dog owners.</p>	<p>Proposed: Dg</p> <p>Seconded: JS</p> <p>All in favour</p>

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	<p>D Hanks raised concerns that enforcing owners to keep dogs on leads could alienate people from nature, instead help educate people, e.g. Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust "Canine Code".</p> <p>IT WAS RESOLVED to agree to have share information in collaboration with the nature group regarding responsible dog ownership in nature and for the LEAF group to research and create the campaign.</p>	
CN/2023/127	FIELDS NEAR CENTENARY FIELD	
	<p>Cllr Selman explained that the horses escaping from the fields near Black Rocks and into Centenary required a permanent solution to prevent further escapes and potential damage to horses, wildlife, and parishioners. Pallets had been placed across public footpaths which created an access issue.</p> <p>IT WAS RESOLVED that Officers engage with the landowner regarding horses escaping to discuss solutions and to contact the public rights of way team at South Glos Council regarding the issue.</p>	<p>Proposed: JS</p> <p>Seconded: DG</p> <p>All in favour</p>
	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	
	TBC	

Meeting end 20:30.

Chairman..... Date.....