



An **ORDINARY MEETING** of the **CLIMATE & NATURE COMMITTEE** was held on **WEDNESDAY 2nd August 2023** at 6.30 pm at the Brockridge Centre and was attended by the following:

Chairman: Cllr D Goodwin
 Parish Councillors: Cllr T Clark, Cllr A Lankester (Vice Chair)
 Non-voting members: 0
 In Attendance: 2 members of the public
 Climate & Nature Officer - Minute Taker: Daisy Finniear

ITEM	MINUTE	VOTE / ACTION
CN.2/8/2023-1	APOLOGIES	
	Cllr L Williams, Cllr D Hockey, Cllr P Hockey, Cllr M Bolton. Non-Voting member D Hanks. IT WAS RESOLVED that the absences be noted.	Proposed: DG Seconded: TC All in favour
CN.2/8/2023-2	APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING	
	IT WAS RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of 21 st June 2023 be approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting and be signed accordingly.	Proposed: DG Seconded TC All in Favour.
CN.2/8/2023-3	OPEN MEETING	
	A representative from Ripple Energy gave a presentation on energy investment opportunities. People or organisations can buy a share in a wind farm project, which offsets the cost on their energy bill. Ripple develop commercial scale wind farms and solar parks. Energy, once generated, is supplied to partners. During the 1 st project, investors saved around £250 a year on their yearly energy bill. Investments begin from £25 and up. Q&A Community schemes	

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	<p>Ripple are interested in starting community schemes, dependent on size of the project.</p> <p>Impact on wildlife Species surveys undertaken on sites. Mitigation for wildlife takes place before ripple are involved during the planning stage. Plans account for 150% net gain. Red dots added to wind turbines to reduce wildlife collisions. For solar farms, solar panels are raised to allow growth beneath.</p> <p>Energy storage Ripple are investigating battery storage and have begun to look at sites that allow for storage.</p> <p>Use of car parks for solar farms Challenge is scale. Would require very large car parks, would consider if large enough.</p> <p>Project failures No project failures to date, all investors save money on energy.</p> <p>RECCOMENDATION to investigate ripple further and develop a proposal for F&G to invest in Ripple.</p> <p>ACTION: Cllr Clark to contact Glos Council's climate and nature team asking if they can investigate community based renewable energy schemes and report back.</p>	
CN.2/8/2023-4	LEAF WORKING GROUP MEETING	
a)	<p>Frampton Festival's use of Centenary Field was discussed. Concerns over the use of fireworks, lighting of the beacon and mowing of grassland were raised.</p> <p>Concerns over the impact of fireworks on local wildlife, livestock, pets and people were discussed, and suggestions for silent fireworks, drones or lasers put forward.</p> <p>RECCOMENDATIONS TO FULL COUNCIL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) To propose that Frampton Festival use silent fireworks, drones or laser displays in place of traditional fireworks. For council to consider supporting the Festival Committee via a grant to help cover any increase in cost. ii) To ensure the Festival Team develop a risk assessment for silent fireworks (if used) and the lighting of the beacon, to include that no fireworks or beacon lighting shall proceed in the event of very dry weather due to risk of grassland fires. 	

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	<p>ACTION: Nature Officer to speak to the Festival committee to enquire changing of the festival date. <i>NB Nature Officer spoke to festival members at a site meeting on 8th August. The team confirmed they would not change the date. This was because the schools have just broken up and people have not travelled yet, resulting in higher number of attendees. The date does not clash with other large events locally.</i></p> <p>ACTION: Nature Officer to investigate undertaking wildlife surveys before during and after festival and bring back proposal to committee.</p>	
b)	<p>BioBlitz 2023 and plans for 2024 was discussed.</p> <p>IT WAS RESOLVED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) to take part in City Nature Challenge BioBlitz 2024 and run guided walks with Frampton Cotterell Nature. ii) To not hold stalls during the 2024 City Nature Challenge. iii) To stagger nature walks across the year, e.g. butterfly walk in summer instead of spring. 	<p>Proposed: DG Seconded: TC All in favour</p>
c)	<p>Pond liner options for the Centenary Field Pond were discussed.</p> <p>IT WAS RESOLVED to use a puddling clay method using clay from the pond site, or from local development sites, and to reassess the success of this method in one year. To involve volunteers in the puddling clay session.</p>	<p>Proposed: DG Seconded: AL All in favour</p>
CN.2/8/2023-5	HEDGEHOG WORKING GROUP	
	<p>IT WAS RESOLVED to reformat the Hedgehog Working Group into a volunteer group.</p>	<p>Proposed: DG Seconded: AL All in favour</p>
CN.2/8/2023-6	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	
	TBC.	

Meeting end 19:52.

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