



An ORDINARY MEETING of the CLIMATE & NATURE COMMITTEE was held on WEDNESDAY 18th October 2023 at 6.30 pm at the Brockridge Centre and was attended by the following:

Chairman: Cllr D Goodwin
 Parish Councillors: Cllr Trollop, Cllr L Williams, Cllr D Hockey, Cllr P Hockey, Cllr A Lankester (Vice Chair)
 Non-voting members: 1
 In Attendance: 0 members of the public
 Climate & Nature Officer - Minute Taker: Daisy Finniear

Start 18: 34

ITEM	MINUTE	VOTE / ACTION
CN.18/10/2023-1	APOLOGIES	
	Cllr T Clark (joined as non-voting online) Cllr M Bolton IT WAS RESOLVED that the absences be noted.	Proposed: DG Seconded: PH All in favour
CN.18/10/2023-2	APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING	
	IT WAS RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of 2 nd August 2023 be approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting and be signed accordingly.	Proposed: DG Seconded DH All in Favour.
CN.18/10/2023-3	OPEN MEETING	
	Volunteering and Glebeland land management was raised. It was requested that the committee consider taking over management of the Glebeland and volunteer sessions at a future meeting. It was requested to discuss public access and footpath management at a future LEAF meeting. Monday 6 th November 7pm Frampton Cotterell Nature group AGM all welcome.	

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CN.1810/2023-4	LEAF WORKING GROUP MEETING	
	<p>IT WAS RESOLVED to note the LEAF meeting notes from the 2nd October.</p> <p>The motion to consider requestion a list of Tree Protection Orders (TPOs) from South Glos Council and a cost of £27.50 was deemed obsolete following research by Frampton Cotterell Nature Group. The Trees at Rockwell Wood are already protected. The group are working with local tree expert to investigate TPOs further.</p>	<p>Proposed: DG</p> <p>Seconded: LW</p> <p>All in favour</p>
CN.18/10/2023-5	HEDGEHOG GROUP	
a)	IT WAS RESOLVED that the hedgehog meeting notes from the 24th July and 1st September be noted.	<p>Proposed: DG</p> <p>Seconded: LH</p> <p>All in favour</p>
b)	IT WAS RESOLVED to purchase self-contained (no wifi needed) wildlife camera traps to hire to residents at a cost of up to £300. To record how often they are used.	<p>Proposed: DG</p> <p>Seconded: PH</p> <p>All in favour</p>
CN.18/10/2023-6	CLIMATE AND NATURE EMERGENCY DECLARATION AND ENVIRONMENT POLICY	
	<p>The draft climate and nature emergency declaration was discussed.</p> <p>The Nature Officer explained that the declaration and environment policy are not static and additions may be made as the committee evolves.</p> <p>The following changes were requested to be made to the declaration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - More details on the link between climate and nature - Reflect the Wild Life Trust priorities for nature - Healthy communities and access to nature - Increase land for nature and investigate designation - Clarification on pesticides including herbicide - Work with landowners - Include scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions, but be wary that scope 3 will be difficult to pursue, so consider offsetting. - Replace gas boilers - Waste reduction 	<p>Proposed: DG</p> <p>Seconded: AL</p> <p>All in favour</p>

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	<p>- Measure habitats</p> <p>Cllr D Goodwin proposed an amendment to the motion to defer declaring the Climate and Nature Emergency and Environment Policy and to first add in the recommended changes, review at LEAF meeting and then recommend to Council to adopt.</p> <p>IT WAS RESOLVED to arrange a LEAF meeting to discuss the Climate and Nature Emergency Declaration and Environment Policy, and for the LEAF meeting to recommend Full Council adopt the declaration and policy in November.</p> <p>ACTION daisy to contact South Glos Council regarding responsibility of unblocking footpaths and services provided.</p>	
CN.18/10/2023-7	BUDGET REVIEW	
	IT WAS RESOLVED to allocate a spend of up to £1000 for nature volunteer sessions from EMR 332 or 338.	Proposed: AL Seconded: DG All in favour.
	IT WAS RESOLVED to purchase scything kit and training for volunteers at a cost of up to £2300 from The Park EMR 337.	Proposed: DG Seconded: DH All in favour.
	IT WAS RESOLVED to recommend to Finance and Governance Committee to keep the following budgets the same for 24/25 financial year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 4264, Trees and Shrubs, £4000 - 4110, Centenary Maintenance, £500 - 4116, Centenary Management, £8000 	Proposed: DG Seconded: PH All in favour.
CN.18/10/2023-8	TREES AT THE PARK	
	The overhanging tree at The Park was discussed and the complaint from resident reviewed. The Nature Officer explained that the Council is up to date with tree health and safety works, however the health and safety plan is to be updated in 2024.	Proposed: DG Seconded: AL All in favour.
	IT WAS RESOLVED: to refer The Park tree complaint to Full Council for consideration when the tree health and safety plan is reviewed.	
	The situation with the conifers overhanging the car parking spaces at The Park was discussed. The council's preferred tree surgeon previously explained to the Nature Officer that the overhang could be cut right back, causing the car park side of the tree to die back and go brown. This method would only require one cut and would leave the residents side of	Proposed: DG Seconded: PH All in favour.

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	<p>the tree unharmed. Alternatively, the tree could be trimmed more regularly and less severely to maintain greenery.</p> <p>IT WAS RESOLVED to trim back the confers at The Park minimally to retain greenery. To trim as and when required and to delegate the spend to the Clerk from the Trees and Shrubs budget.</p>	
CN.18/10/2023-9	BAT SURVEYS THE PARK	
	<p>The motion to consider and approve the quote from the bat licenced ecologist to survey the trees with roost potential at The Park for bat activity was discussed.</p> <p>It was discussed that annual surveys should be considered providing the first are successful.</p> <p>IT WAS RESOLVED to approve a spend of up to £1000 from EMR 332 or 338 for bat surveys at The Park by Luciana Ecology. Nature Officer to survey trees for roost potential features prior to survey.</p>	<p>Proposed: DG</p> <p>Seconded: AL</p> <p>All in favour.</p>
CN.18/10/2023-10	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	
	TBC.	

Meeting close 20:16.

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