



Local Environment Action Frampton (LEAF) Working Group 3rd September 2025

Cllrs Present: E. Beales, T. Clark, J. Trollope, A. Lankester
Officers Present: David Hanks and Daisy Finniear (note taker).

NOTES

1. Community Open Session

Centenary field grazing was raised and suggestions of a horse grazing trial. From a wildlife perspective, grazing is one of the most beneficial management techniques.

Waterlogging needs to be considered as grazing would be best between October and April.

Need to investigate liability issues.

Need consultation with users of the field, committee to decide at future meeting with more information.

ACTION: Officers to investigate conservation grazing at Centenary Field including liability and practicality of the project.

2. Blister Packs Update

An update was received from the Climate & Nature Officer on the blister packs. The scheme is popular just from word of mouth and would become even more popular if advertised more widely. One box is £216 and filled up in approx. one month through word of mouth.

Westerleigh Parish have a grant scheme and would be interested in us applying to it for collaborative blister pack schemes.

Action: Climate & Nature Officer to contact Superdrug and see if they would take blister pack collections and ask them what the scheme is for their recycling. Can we join?

Recommendations to F&G Committee from LEAF Working Group:

1. To approve the purchase of two more blister pack recycling boxes from Terracycle, at a cost of £216 (including VAT) per box.
2. To authorise the Climate & Nature Officer to apply for the Westerleigh Parish Council Solar Farm Grant, proposing a collaborative blister pack recycling project between the two parishes, and requesting financial support from Westerleigh Parish Council for future box purchases
3. To approve a £100 donation to the Woodland Trust, Nicky Stone's chosen charity, as a gesture of thanks for her delivery of two art workshops free of charge during the art exhibition week.

3. Art Exhibition Review

Recommendation to Finance & Governance Committee: to approve a donation of £100 to the Woodland Trust as a thank you to artist Nicky Stone for running two art workshops free of charge for the art exhibition week.

Recommendation to Climate & Nature Committee: to tie the Buzz and Scuttle art collage workshop in with another relevant insect week such as the bioblitz.

Action: Climate & Nature Officer to create a community survey on the art exhibition, to include questions on future events, workshops and if they would like this to be a permanent annual event.

4. Air Quality Project Plan

Cllr Trollope provided update on the air quality project that went ahead end of July. Children saw clear difference in air quality in peak times vs not peak times. Head will share more information next meeting. Want to do it every year. Will report back to next committee.

5. Frampton Festival 2026

Frampton Festival have applied to run from the Centenary Field in 2026. The group discussed ensuring that the festival is wildlife friendly and would want less plastic from companies, reusable cups and recycling on site.

ACTION: Daisy to investigate if the festival team limit the number of attendees, recycling options, burger van sustainability, and plastic on site.

6. Community Nature Officer Funding

Update on funding received from South Glos Council of £5000 for the Community Nature Reserve Project. Officers to use funding by July 2026 on any projects relating to the Community Nature Reserve project and volunteer training.

David recruiting community nature champions so people can run things themselves.

Noted.

7. Hedgehog Heros Upcoming Events

Help Hedgehogs Hibernate event taking place on 18th October. Nature crafts, hedgehog box building and hedgehog cake competition. Funding from the £5000 Community Nature Officer grant funding will be used to cover event costs up to £200.

8. Frome Valley Growing Project Climate and Nature Gathering

Councillors were reminded to contact Daisy to book onto the Frome Valley Growing Project event on the 20th of September.

ACTION: Climate & Nature Officer to investigate who is managing Magnum Plum Way and the allotments. To report back.

9. The Park Conservation

The cricket club grass clipping management was reviewed. It is currently being removed by an external company with some small reptile piles. The cricket club are continuing to request compost zones to council. Compost zones cannot be created if herbicides and certain fertilisers are used on the squares, thus more clarity on this is needed.

The use of topsoil/spoil was discussed. Topsoil should be used as habitat such as wildflower zones, bee banks and hibernacula in the conservation zones at the Park.

The neighbouring properties continue to cut grass in the conservation zones at the Park. D Hanks met with them and made progress, with neighbours agreeing to reduce this cutting and help manage it as a wildflower area. The neighbours still wished to cut an access path from their gates to the Park.

ACTION: Climate & Nature Officer to speak with the Cricket Club on use of fertilisers and/or herbicides on the cricket squares and report back.

ACTION: Nature Officers to draft a plan for conservation zones but to keep spoil from the pathway as much possible for bee banks, spreading over wildflower zones and hibernacula.

ACTION: Climate & Nature Officer to draft signage to request members of the public do not take logs from felled trees as they are left to

ACTION: Community Nature Officer to draft a wildflower plan with the neighbouring properties.

10. Biodiversity Policy Update Recommendation

RECOMMENDATION to Full Council: to update the Biodiversity Policy to include the following:

“Where appropriate, allow long grass to grow beneath diseased ash trees to discourage public access and reduce footfall. Include signage about ash dieback where needed.”

11. Community Forums

Community Forums were discussed, and it was suggested to run these again with an energy theme. To invite Winterbourne Council and Environment Group and open the forums to all residents.

RECCOMENDATION to Climate & Nature Committee: to run a community forum with an energy theme. Cllr Snaith and Climate & Nature Officer to Organise.

12. Date of Next Meeting

1st October 7pm – Climate & Nature Committee.

5th November 7pm – LEAF Working Group.