



St Andrews Parish Council

Draft Minutes of the Climate Crisis Committee Meeting
Held on Monday 3rd July 2023 at 7:10 pm
at Redhouse Community Centre, Frankel Avenue, Swindon

Councillors Present: Daniel Adams, Jake Chandler*, Sue MacDonald, and Bradley Williams
Officer Present: Emma Sylvester, Parish Clerk
Public Present: 2

*arrived 7:26 pm

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Mary Friend, Steve Heyes, Vera Tomlinson. Cllr Jake Chandler sent apologies that he would be late.

2. ELECT A CHAIRMAN RESOLVED

To elect Cllr Bradley Williams as Vice-Chairman

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

4. MINUTES

RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the last meeting held on 24th May 2023 as a true record and signed by Cllr D Adams.

5. PUBLIC RECESS

No public wished to speak

6. BENCHMARKING

Members noted the following successes for St Andrews Parish Council:

- Supplying their first electric vehicle to their Ground's Maintenance team.
- 50% of hand tools used by Ground Maintenance staff are electrical.
- The community centre staff and the parish office staff, use a 1000 litres mixed recycling bin on site.
- Fly tipping picked up by the parish council is separated, so that it doesn't go to landfill.
- The parish council have hybrid working patterns.
- Various areas of the parish have been seeded with wildflowers and left unmown.
- Created pollinated pathways.
- Utilising surplus items such as using leftover paints for maintaining their playparks.
- Purchasing goods locally and environmentally friendly.
- Organised local litter picks and recycling where possible.
- In October this year, more trees will be planted within the parish.

7. POLICY

- (i) Members discussed possible objectives to include in a Climate Crisis Policy and agreed that the following examples would be good to include:

- a) Raise public awareness by encouraging parishioners to consider their own carbon footprint. The council may wish to support with advice, advertisements and by using social media.
 - b) Consider Climate Change in all decisions made and services provided by the parish council.
 - c) Support planning applications for solar panels, wind farms,
 - d) Support planning applications that are energy efficient, nature friendly, and located close to public transport and amenities
 - e) Install EV charging points
 - f) Reduce the parish council's gas emissions.
 - g) Reduce the parish council's own energy consumption. Review the use & supply of energy, natural resources, and non-renewable resources efficiently and strive to minimise waste and pollution.
 - h) Reduce the parish council's fuel consumption with less travelling.
 - i) Employees and councillors should be encouraged to walk, cycle or use public transport or car-share.
 - j) Provide bikes or electric bikes for staff as they carry out any work-related trips.
 - k) Where possible the parish council will look favourably on locally sourced goods and services
 - l) Where possible the parish council will look favourably on environmentally friendly products and services.
 - m) To run all council buildings and machinery efficiently.
 - n) To consider a net zero pledge after creating the Action Plan.
 - o) Share information so that residents can informed choices regarding food
 - p) Reduce use of paper and move to recycled paper
 - q) Lobby Government for solar street lighting
 - r) Review strategic flooding plans in the parish.
- (ii) It was agreed for Cllr Bradley Williams to review the draft policy that had been previously written and circulate to all before the next meeting when it will be discussed.

8. ACTION PLAN

It was agreed that work on an action plan would follow once the Climate Crisis policy had been adopted.

9. TEXTILE RECYCLING UNIT

Members noted correspondence received regarding a textile bank and discussed the possibility of having one located at Redhouse Community Centre. Members agreed in principle to have a textile bank at Redhouse Community Centre as this would help to reduce waste in the parish however members did not agree with how the textiles were being disposed off, Members asked for other textile recycling banks to research. Cllr MacDonald reported that Wiltshire Air Ambulance offer clothing banks.

The meeting closed at 8:15 pm.

Chairman _____

Date _____