



# ST ANDREWS PARISH COUNCIL

**Draft Minutes of the Climate Crisis Committee Meeting  
Held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 7:30 pm  
at Redhouse Community Centre, Frankel Avenue, Swindon**

**Councillors Present:** Daniel Adams (Chairman), Jake Chandler, Mary Friend, Sue MacDonald, Vera Tomlinson, Vince Williams,  
**Officer Present:** Debbie Braiden, Deputy Parish Clerk  
**Public Present:** 0  
**Attendees:** Neil Pullen from Wiltshire Wildlife Trust

## 10. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Steve Heyes & Bradley Williams.

## 11. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

## 12. MINUTES

All **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the last meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023 as a true record and were duly signed by the Chairman.

## 13. PUBLIC RECESS

There were no members of public present.

The Swindon Conservation Lead Officer from Wiltshire Wildlife Trust (WWT) spoke to the committee about the projects WWT have been working on around Wiltshire. The officer confirmed that he has also spoken to the Parish Council's Grounds Maintenance Manager (GMM) and is happy to work with the parish council to improve areas of the parish, specifically the Roman Villa grassed areas and the new Tadpole Nature Park.

He also confirmed that he would be happy to assist the GMM in the planting of the new trees with volunteers.

## 14. POLICY

Members noted the policy.

**RESOLVED** to defer adopting the policy until the draft policy is finalised with Cllr B Williams. The Chairman confirmed that he would like the wording around the planning to be less demanding.

## 15. ACTION PLAN

**RESOLVED** to defer the Action Plan until the policy has been approved and adopted.

## 16. INFORMATION RECEIVED

a) Members noted receipt of information regarding carbon climate crisis on SLCC's website.

b) Members noted receipt of the parish council's waste contractor.

c) Members noted receipt of Cllr Adam's advert for the Climate Crisis Committee with the Swindon Advertiser.

d)Members noted receipt of the information on how St Andrews Parish Council recycle their printer toners.

## 17. CORRESPONDENCE

- a)Members discussed the courses led by the Cotswolds National Landscape. It was **RESOLVED** for the Deputy Clerk to attend and to relay information back to the committee.
- b)Information from the Cotswold Conservation Board was received and discussed with no further comments.
- c)Members discussed and agreed their interest in the following information for solar panels and EV charges projects from Swindon Borough Council (solartogogether.co.uk):
- I) **2 x EV Charges** – Cllr V Williams requested more information for these as to what type of chargers these would be. It was agreed that the Deputy Clerk would find out more details and list on the next agenda.
  - II) **Solar panels** – Members asked for more information as to what is available for the £14,000 quoted. For example, how many panels and how much roof would be covered and how much power would be generated from the £14k also what is the maximum power for the whole roof. Cllr V Williams asked what the return would be over 25 years. It was agreed members are interested in moving forward with this and for the Deputy Clerk to obtain more information.
- d)Members noted the information received from the Swindon Borough Council, regarding help with energy costs by installing loft and wall cavity insulation and smart heating controls and suggested it could go on the parish council’s website.
- e)Members noted receipt of correspondence from SLCC regarding council guidance on climate action and action planning.
- f) Members received and discussed information received from Everflow regarding saving water through summer months. It was noted that the Redhouse Community Centre has already fitted water saving devices to their taps and has water butts for rainwater. It was noted the council could run a comparison with Haydon Wick parish council.
- g)Guidance information received from the National Planning Policy Framework was noted.

## 18. TEXTILE RECYCLING

Members discussed having a textile recycling unit at Redhouse Community Centre.

### **RESOLVED**

To make recommendation to the Redhouse Community Centre Committee to have a textile recycling unit, and request if they are happy to place the unit on site.

If Redhouse Community Centre Committee approve, refer to Full Council that a textile recycling unit is placed, and Full Council to decide which provider to choose. The Deputy Clerk will supply a chart to members of the positives and negatives for each provider.

Close of business 9.10 p.m.

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_