

CLIMATE AND NATURE COMMITTEE MINUTES

20th May 2026

Cllr Fogg-Rogers (in the Chair)

A Collins (A)
L Fogg-Rogers (P)

D Eldridge (P)
S Hancock (P)

Also in attendance: One member of the public, Cllr Bruce and newly elected Cllr Maggs

01.05/26 To elect Chair for Committee

Cllr Collins was proposed by Cllr Eldridge and was seconded by Cllr Fogg-Rogers. All members in agreement therefore, Cllr Collins was duly appointed as Chair.

02.05/26 To elect Vice Chair for Committee

Cllr Fogg-Rogers was proposed by Cllr Hancock and was seconded by Cllr Eldridge. Cllr Fogg-Rogers accepted the nomination therefore Cllr Fogg-Rogers was duly appointed as Vice Chair.

03.05/26 Evacuation Procedure

Leave via the fire door and assemble outside in the play area - Noted

04.05/26 Apologies

Cllr Collins

05.05/26 Declaration of Interests under the Localism Act 2011

Cllr Fogg Rogers – employee at UWE, director of FVEN, director of Zero West

06.05/26 Public participation

Introductions given for the benefit of Cllr Maggs. Member of the public attended Winterbourne Nature Day and gave useful guidance for walk instructions due to the walk being difficult for those with mobility issues and for dogs. He also advised that a tree at Newleaze needs some attention. **C&NO to arrange.** Cllr Bruce gave an update on the proposed development of The Oaks and is looking for a councillor to attend a meeting on 2nd June.

07.05/26 To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd April 2026

The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd April 2026 were agreed and signed.

08.05/26 Action Update

- Duck pond – **C&NO to speak to Clerk to ask that the C&N committee get advance notice of any treatment that will be administered to the duck pond.**
- Volunteer Day in Frenchay – C&NO reported on behalf of Cllr Collins that the day was a great success. Another department of the Environment Agency are now looking to book in another volunteer day.

- BT Volunteer Day in Winterbourne – C&NO reported that this was another success especially with the installation of the three nature signs at Monks Pool/Bradley Brook in readiness for the Nature Day.
- Winterbourne Nature Day (17th May) – C&NO reported that nearly 30 people attended of all ages. The event was very well received and was a success.
- Festival of Nature events (6th and 10th June) – C&NO reported that 19 tickets have been booked for the Hambrook walk and 8 tickets have been booked for the Frenchay walk so far. Cllr Collins to lead the walk at Frenchay. Cllr Hancock and C&NO to liaise regarding leading the Hambrook walk. C&NO has created leaflets for both events and emailed to Cllrs for proof-reading. **All Cllrs to check leaflets by Monday 1st June and let C&NO know of any changes needed. C&NO to arrange food/refreshments nearer the time.**
- UWE relationship/work at Frenchay Parklands/Rural Payments Agency – C&NO reported on behalf of Cllr Collins that our agent is sorting out the Rural Payments Agency grants. The last session with Steve England and the students had to be postponed due to adverse weather conditions but a new date will be circulated when we have it.
- Work at Monks Pool/Bradley Brook/Newleaze/The Dingle – **C&NO to arrange date to meet with Cllr Hancock and volunteers. C&NO to check if the Estates Officer can cut the brambles down at the Dingle and then get in touch with AWT to see how we can best manage the land going forward.**
- Carbon Literacy training – C&NO reported that the course is booked for 25th June and 2nd July. C&NO will report back to committee after the training.
- Rota for watering trees at Whiteshill – discussed below with regards to care/maintenance of trees
- Severn Wye Warm and Well Training – C&NO advised this is happening tomorrow and will report back at the next meeting.
- Nature Signs – C&NO reported that four of the signs are in situ and look great. The three at Frenchay will be in situ by the 10th June in readiness for the Festival of Nature event that evening. **C&NO to look at getting the signs on the website and doing a Facebook post to promote them.**
- Tuckett Field – AWT soil sampling and cut and collect – C&NO reported that the cut and collect is provisionally booked with our provider. AWT have not carried out the soil sampling yet. **C&NO to chase.**
- Veolia funding – **Cllrs still to look investigate.**

09.05/26 To discuss the tree planting and care/maintenance programme

- Whiteshill Common – some small issues with the newly planted trees have been reported by a member of the public. **Cllr Fogg-Rogers to take a look.** Watering has not been needed yet but the forecast is very dry for the next week. **C&NO to organise for watering to happen by volunteers next week and going forward when necessary.**
- Huckford Land – C&NO reported that FoA have been in touch to arrange a site visit. **C&NO and Cllr Hancock to liaise and arrange the visit.** C&NO also reported that South Glos Council may also be able to assist with the land and are currently investigating.

10.05/26 To discuss and agree next actions for Watermark Scheme

Cllr Eldridge gave update on meeting with Wessex Water. The process for obtaining the funds hasn't been finalised by Wessex Water yet so we can't offer/do anything that involves spending money yet. Agreed to aim leaflets that Wessex Water are creating at children and run a competition over the summer holidays for local children to get involved with; linking with local primary schools and the library. Still waiting to see the outcome of South Gloucestershire Council's "Resilient Frome"

initiative before agreeing what all the funding is spent on but agreed that we will do “giveaways” of water butts etc for residents who engage with us on saving water/checking for leaks. Also agreed to do a “yellow fish” campaign in the local area, including in Frenchay. **C&NO to provide photos and wildlife info to Wessex Water for leaflets. Cllrs to let C&NO know if they can attend the Watermark Meeting on 24th June (3pm to 5pm) at Brabazon Hangar. C&NO to prepare launch of Watermark events on social media.**

- 11.05/26** To discuss and agree on next steps for tree adoption/dedication
Agreed to have plaques and tree adoption as an option for local residents as an alternative to benches. **C&NO to prepare proposal and put on Full Council Agenda and look at T&Cs for benches.**
- 12.05/26** To discuss and agree next steps for the Community Nature Reserve
Agreed to link with our Watermark publicity and with winning a water butt. Agreed we should become a Hedgehog Friendly Town. **C&NO to put together a proposal for Full Council. C&NO to look at Community Nature Reserve link from Cllr Hancock.**
- 13.05/26** To discuss and agree next steps of Duck Pond Verge development
C&NO reported that the next item on the development plan is creating a natural habitat. C&N Committee agreed this might not be the right thing to have at the Duck Pond Verge. **Cllr Hancock to look into the development plan and work out next steps.**
- 14.05/26** To confirm the date of the August meeting
Confirmed that the August meeting will be on 19th August.
- 15.05/26** To discuss and agree whether to apply for Crested Newt funding
C&NO reported that an email asking for more information has been sent but there hasn't been a reply yet. **C&NO to chase.**
- 16.05/26** To discuss having a community event in the Hambrook part of Stoke Gifford
Cllr Bruce suggested a community event with a walk for the new residents. Cllr Fogg-Rogers suggested the possibility of another wellbeing event but at Hambrook Sports Club in the autumn and a welcome to new residents in a local publication. **C&NO to liaise with Assistant Clerk to explore possibilities.**
- 17.05/26** To note any other items from members
Cllr Fogg-Rogers suggested having a screening of the People's Emergency Briefing film.
Cllr Bruce suggested a local village directory of all local opportunities. **Cllr Hancock to create a spreadsheet/form to circulate.**
C&NO and Cllr Maggs will be attending the Festival of Nature Summer Party on 11th June.
C&NO advised that a representative from Hamrbook Sports Club will join us at our August meeting to discuss climate action they are taking there.
C&NO reminded team that there will be no meeting next month as we have our Festival of Nature event in Frenchay instead.
C&NO advised the committee that she will be on annual leave next week.

Meeting concluded: 9.16pm