

CLIMATE AND NATURE COMMITTEE MINUTES

15th July 2026

Cllr Collins (in the Chair)

A Collins	(P)	D Eldridge	(A)	M Maggs (P)
L Fogg-Rogers	(P)	S Hancock	(A)	

Also in attendance: One member of the public

18.07/26 Evacuation Procedure

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

19.07/26 Apologies

Cllr Eldridge and Cllr Hancock

20.07/26 Declaration of Interests under the Localism Act 2011

Cllr Fogg-Rogers is a director of FVEN and WESTACT

21.07/26 Public participation

Member of the public from Frenchay reported that the fish ladder in the Frome is clogged up and that the balsam is growing along the riverbank. **C&NO to provide BART email address to member of the public to get in contact.** Member of the public also wanted to see what could be done about the House Martins who are being displaced due to new housing developments. **C&NO to put member of the public in touch with Naomi Bowler at Hambrook Sports Club who is working on a project involving saving House Martins.**

22.07/26 To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 20th May 2026

The minutes of the meeting held on 20th May 2026 were agreed and signed.

23.07/26 Action Update

- Duck pond – C&NO reported there has been another treatment.
- Severn Wye Warm and Well Training (21st May) – C&NO reported that one person attended and we now have a good link with Severn Wye to direct people to if they need help. **C&NO to put information on our website.**
- Festival of Nature events (6th and 10th June) – C&NO reported that these events were both a brilliant success and very well received. Over 40 people attended across the two events and lots more people have joined our mailing list.
- UWE relationship/work at Frenchay Parklands/Rural Payments Agency – C&NO reported that the Rural Payments Agency application is progressing. Work at the Parklands and the relationship with UWE is ongoing.
- Work at The Dingle - **C&NO to survey site with Estates Officer to see what work needs doing and what help (if any) is needed. Then C&NO will get in touch with AWT to see how we can best manage the land**

going forward.

- Nature Signs – C&NO reported that only the duck pond is left to do. **C&NO put the signs on the website and do a Facebook post to promote them once the final one is in situ.**
- Tuckett Field – AWT soil sampling and cut and collect – **C&NO to ask Clerk to put cut and collect on next F&GP agenda.** AWT have not carried out the soil sampling yet. **C&NO to chase.**
- Community Nature Reserve – C&NO reported she is working with AWT to improve our community nature reserve provision and attending free courses provided by AWT.
- Hedgehog friendly Town – Cllrs reported that becoming a Hedgehog Friendly Town was approved at Full Council. **C&NO to progress with plans.**
- Crested Newt Funding – C&NO reported that the initial application of interest has been submitted and we're awaiting a response. **C&NO to chase.**
- Tree adoption/dedication – Cllrs reported this was discussed at Full Council. **C&NO to check what more needs to be done.**
- Community Event in the Hambrook part of Stoke Gifford – event confirmed for 12th September. **C&NO to prepare Climate and Nature material for event.**
- Veolia funding – **Cllrs reported not viable**
- Pond repairs in Frenchay – **Cllr Collins to organise this and let C&NO know if any help is required.**
- Seasonal calendar – C&NO has started this. **C&NO to add duck pond treatments and then circulate to Cllrs to review and amend.**
- Watermark – C&NO reported that the leaflets have arrived and are at their pick-up locations. They have also been emailed to local primary schools. A Facebook post is scheduled with all the information for entering the competition. **C&NO to put Watermark on the agenda for September so we can discuss further what action we are going to take further with the grant.**
- Bat Walk (31st Aug) – C&NO reported this has sold out and all in hand for the event.
- Scything Workshop (19th Sept) – C&NO reported this has been advertised.

24.07/26 To discuss the tree planting and care/maintenance (including watering) programme

- Whiteshill Common – agreed that there will be a tree care day on 19th September (the same day as the scything workshop). Also agreed that this can be a celebration of the help that everyone has provided with the watering. **C&NO to plan.** C&NO reported that the watering has been going well so far with the group of volunteers.
- Any other land suitable for planting? – Cllr Hancock not in attendance to raise this. **C&NO to add to August agenda.** Cllr Collins and Cllr Fogg-Rogers suggested we focus our attention on looking after the trees we have planted this year and last year especially with the dry weather we are experiencing rather than planting more at present.

25.07/26 To update and agree next steps on Huckford Quarry land
C&NO reported that Forest of Avon recommended that the area could not have trees planted on it. Cllr Hancock was going to investigate the boundaries further but not in attendance to report back. **C&NO to put on August agenda for discussion.**

26.07/26 To discuss and agree on rainwater collection proposal from South Gloucestershire Council
Agreed to the plan for the IBCs at the sheds on the car park by Whiteshill Common from Alex Fraser at South Glos. **C&NO to get approval from Hambrook Sports**

Club and speak to Alex to move forward.

Decision on the water butt at Flaxpits Lane to go to Full Council. **C&NO to add this to the next Full Council Agenda.**

Agreed to move forward with the water collection on the bus stop at Whiteshill Common if possible. **C&NO to discuss with Alex Fraser.**

Agreed to investigate the proposals at Willow further. **C&NO to discuss with Alex Fraser.**

- 27.07/26** To discuss and agree next steps of Duck Pond Verge development
Deferred to next month. **C&NO to add to August agenda.**
- 28.07/26** To report back on Carbon Literacy Training
C&NO reported that the training was very interesting and useful. C&NO is awaiting certificate. **C&NO to investigate sharing some of what she has learnt with all parish councillors.**
- 29.07/26** To discuss the nature of Climate and Nature forums going forward
Agreed to stop the quarterly forums for half an hour before the meeting. Instead the Committee will engage the community at our events (which is already happening) and potentially look to organise two specific forum-type events which will be away from the meeting room in an attempt to encourage more engagement.
- 30.07/26** To discuss the Public Consultation on Climate and Nature strategy from South Glos
Cllr Maggs has already completed the feedback. **Cllr Collins to complete feedback before the deadline on 19th July.**
- 31.07/26** To discuss and agree on whether to hold a public screening on the Climate Emergency Briefing
Agreed to have a screening in Winterbourne. **Cllr Maggs and C&NO to liaise to arrange a date and organise the event.**
- 32.07/26** To discuss and agree whether Climate and Nature Officer should have a mobile phone
Agreed. **C&NO to add to next F&GP agenda and provide details on costs.**
- 33.07/26** To update on meeting with volunteers at Monks Pool and agree on next steps
C&NO reported that she met with the volunteers again and that they are doing an amazing job of looking after the areas. **C&NO to investigate further the work on the steps at Bradely Brook and the de-silting of the pond at Newleaze.**
- 33.07/26** To note any other items from members
C&NO advised that due to many of the plants dying and needing to be removed from the planters on Flaxpits Lane there will be a planting event on Thursday 30th July. Plants have been provided for free from the Badminton Flower Show. **Cllr Hancock to produce poster and share with Clerk to share whilst C&NO is on annual leave. C&NO to organise event.**
C&NO advised she has two weeks' holiday between this meeting and the next meeting. **C&NO to send dates to Committee via Whatsapp Group.**
Cllr Maggs, following a meeting with C&NO to look at the website, reported that she feels it is outdated and not easy to use. **Cllr Maggs to raise at next Full Council meeting.**