



Pilsley Parish Council

Minutes of the Biodiversity & Climate Change Committee, held at the Sports Pavilion, Rupert Street, on Monday 7 October 2024 at 7.09pm

Present: Chairman: M. Watts,

Councillors: A. Cooper, D. Faulkner, R. Paradise, S. Stone, S. Watkinson and J. White

Residents: A. Alder (from 7.40pm) and S. Altus

Also, in Attendance: Kath Gruber (Parish Clerk)

BCCC/1024/01 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors M. Shaw and A. Wood

BCCC/1024/02 Variation of Order of Business

None

BCCC/1024/03 Exclusion of the Public

None

BCCC/1024/04 Declaration of Members interests and requests for dispensation.

Councillor Cooper has a dispensation on Planning matters.

BCCC/1024/05 Public Participation

None

BCCC/1024/06 Minutes

The Committee noted the minutes of the Climate Change/Biodiversity Working Group held on 21 February 2024.

BCCC/1024/07 Developing Biodiversity & Climate Change (BCC) Section of Council Business Plan

a) Council Business Plan - Council Watts advised that this Committee would be responsible for setting priorities and projects that effectively deploys Council resources to minimise climate change impact and enhance local biodiversity.

b) Pilsley Carbon Footprint – the Committee considered the report detailing Pilsley’s current impact and work already carried out. It was **Resolved:**

- To collate a list of local cost, quick wins that could be delivered through the Council’s own resources.
- To collate list of large scale projects for inclusion in the Council’s business plan and seek external funding. These projects to include:
 - a. Morton Park renovation project
 - b. Solar thermal heating solutions
 - c. Battery packs
 - d. Village insulation
 - e. Community composting
 - f. Car charging point
 - g. Solar panels on Council owned building
 - h. Environmental feasibility study to ascertain options to generate electricity.

c) Pilsley Heritage Windmill – the Committee discussed the potential of this site and the challenges

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relating to National Grid proposals for pylons cutting across this site. It was **Resolved:** to include the site in the environmental feasibility study.

BCCC/1024/08 Morton Road Regeneration Project

The Clerk reported that a Bill of Quantities for the proposed works and area plan had been issued with only one quote received to date. It was **Resolved:** to contact Pugh Lewis and Wrights Agricultural & Land Drainage.

BCCC/1024 Next BCC Committee Meeting

The Committee **Resolved:** that the next meeting would be held on Monday 3 March 2025 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.30pm