

Burwell Parish Council Climate Change Forum
Minutes of the meeting held on 4th October 2021 7.30 pm at Mandeville Hall

Present:	<p>Jenny Moss (Chair of the Climate Change Forum) Liz Swift (Chair of Burwell Parish Council) Robin Dyos (Burwell Parish Council) Helen McMenamin-Smith (Burwell Parish Council) Gill Miller (Burwell Parish Council) Jim Perry (Burwell Parish Council) Michael swift (Burwell Parish Council) Geraldine Tate (Burwell Parish Council) Paul Webb (Burwell Parish Council) Brenda Wilson (Burwell Parish Council) Linda Hart (Burwell Environment Group) Derah Saward-Arav (Wild Burwell) Martin O’Leary (Spring Close)</p>	Action:
Apologies: CCF/04102021/1	Lea Dodds	
Overview: CCF/04102021/2	<p>Michael Swift talked about the urgent need for the world to address Climate Change and explained that the Parish Council had previously declared a Climate Emergency and as a result, adopted a Climate Change Policy, which now needs to be actioned.</p> <p>He explained that the Parish Council has limited power and money to carry out major changes. Principle Authorities and Government have the greatest ability to address Climate Change.</p> <p>Burwell Parish Council needs to look at what can be done in Burwell. For example, the Council can look at its carbon footprint, the land that it has, such as Priory Meadow, Pauline’s Swamp and Spring Close and the way that it is managed and lobby the County Council and District Council. Starting with the implementation of the Short-Term Plan of the Council’s Climate Change Policy/Action Plan by making people aware and educating what people can do, through Open Days, leaflets, looking at verge management, the land we have and encouraging individuals to create wildflower areas in their own gardens.</p> <p>The Pauline’s Swamp Trustees intend to hold an Open Day on 23rd April 2022, and it has been suggested that this could be widened to include a Village Green Day. Further discussions will need to take place by the Trustees.</p>	
Election of Chair CCF/04102021/3	Liz Swift proposed Jenny Moss to be Chair of the Climate Changed Forum. The proposal was seconded by Geraldine Tate and agreed by all present. Jenny Moss was duly elected Chair of the Climate Change Forum.	
Future Plans, Events and Activities CCF/04102021/4	Jenny Moss informed those present that the next Parish Council Forum organised by East Cambs District Council (ECDC) is due to take place in November and that the event will be focused on Climate Change. The event is open to all	

Burwell Parish Council Climate Change Forum
Minutes of the meeting held on 4th October 2021 7.30 pm at Mandeville Hall

	<p>Parish Councillors but not those from other organisations. Members from other ecological groups may have been interested in attending.</p> <p>There will be a need to promote climate change action to residents and this can be done by various means including Burwell Community Facebook Page, Clunch and the Parish Council Website. Climate Change will need to be explained, that every little bit counts, with low-cost changes being suggested and above all, it must be achievable.</p> <p>What the Schools do to promote Climate Change needs to be investigated, both at primary and secondary level.</p> <p>The Climate Change leaflet handed out by the Parish Council at the recent Burwell Festival Day was well received.</p> <p>The Council needs to establish its own carbon footprint. ECDC will help to calculate this out. This can then be used as an example for households in the village to encourage them to compile their own carbon footprints.</p> <p>Agricultural affects the environment not just energy.</p> <p>The Council could ‘pledge’ what it is going to do, with an understanding of the impact the changes will make.</p> <p>Jenny Moss to Email Richard Kay (ECDC) for information.</p> <p>Burwell Environment Group has recently carried out a Climate Change Survey via Facebook. A disappointing number of responses had been received. The survey could be launched again, supported by the Parish Council.</p> <p>Land around the village could be sourced for the planting of trees in the same way as Priory Wood. Although the purchase of land may be an issue due to the lack of funding.</p> <p>Jenny Moss to contact Cambridgeshire County Council County Farms.</p> <p>In future years farmers will be encouraged by Government through subsidies to plant areas of their land with trees.</p> <p>The Council can look at its own properties to see if any land can be used for tree planting, although consideration must be given to the location in respect of neighbouring properties which in the long term could be affected by tree roots.</p> <p>Whilst some trees are more effective at reducing carbon, it is important to plant trees that will work with the biodiversity.</p> <p>More young trees are due to be planted at Pauline’s Swamp.</p> <p>There is natural regeneration of trees in Spring Close, but these often grow in the wrong place.</p> <p>The Council is looking at installing two EV Charging Points at the Gardiner Memorial Hall and could consider installing at other properties such as Mandeville Hall as well.</p>	<p>Jenny Moss</p> <p>Jenny Moss</p>
--	---	-------------------------------------

Burwell Parish Council Climate Change Forum
Minutes of the meeting held on 4th October 2021 7.30 pm at Mandeville Hall

	<p>Installing EV Points on lamp posts could also be investigated. This would need to be discussed with Balfour Beatty who are responsible for most of the streetlights in the village. ECDC has allocated £100k to help Parish Councils to deliver charging points. ECDC is also looking at all their properties within the district for locations where EV points can be installed. Pubs and fuel stations should be encouraged to install points.</p> <p>Unfortunately, the end date for the survey carried out by BEG can not be extended. BEG are due to meet on 6th October and will discuss the need to run the survey again possibly using Clunch to get the survey to residents, although it is likely that there will be a cost to do this. Paul Webb to review comments received from the original survey.</p> <p>The holding of more Farmers Markets was suggested, along with promoting the Farm Shop at Snake Hall Farm to encourage residents to source food locally. Footfall has already increased since the monthly Farmers Market has been at Mandeville Hall. Robin Dyos to talk to Nikki Booth (Burwell Farmers Market) about possible options. Jenny Moss to write article for Clunch.</p> <p>With regards to verges within the village, Martin O’Leary suggested that the Council needs to consider which areas need to be maintained and only cutting the rest 2 to 3 times per year allowing more wildflower species to establish. Around 1000 people on Facebook liked Pound Hill when it was left uncut. It was noted that some of the 1000 likes were from people outside of the village and that many residents have a different view on how the area should be managed. Broken glass within the grass and issues with sight lines at the road junctions had resulted in the grass being cut. It was requested that the effect on biodiversity should be considered when making decisions.</p> <p>The creation of designated wildflower areas with signs explaining that the area is being managed in such a way works. There is a need for bees to be able to easily move from one area to another. Involvement with other local communities could be investigated.</p> <p>Climate Change will be a learning process for many.</p> <p>The Council is working towards having a community garden area on Pound Hill.</p>	<p>Paul Webb</p> <p>Robin Dyos</p> <p>Jenny Moss</p>
--	--	--

