

# **Climate Change, Biodiversity and Pollution Forum**

## **AGENDA**

**2 September 2025 7:30pm at Mandeville Hall, Burwell**

1. **Present:** Clive Leach, Geraldine Tate, Alima Adams, Martin O'Leary; Lea Dodds
2. **Apologies for absence:** Liz Swift, Michael Swift, Ian Woodrooffe, Nicky Hallows, Paul Webb.
3. **Approval of the minutes of 22 April 2025**  
The minutes of 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025 were agreed and approved by all
4. **Declaration of interests**  
None

**5. Updates from previous meeting and action points**

| Item                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Action                  |
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| <b>5.1 Earth Cafes</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                         |
| September: It was agreed to remove this from regular updates.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Remove from updates -KH |
| <b>5.2 Action Plans</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                         |
| CL suggested we add details of museum education hub to 5 year plan for Consultation, Liaison and Education. LD also suggested we should link to the LNRS plan (local nature recovery strategy) although more was to be understood about where their information was coming from. MOL said that he felt it would be useful to have a biodiversity expert to look at Parish Council Land. Cllrs said it would be useful to liaise with Wild Burwell on that. MOL also suggested changing the section on data needed to 'observations have been made'<br>KH to go in and ask school about Biodiversity and whether they have any plan or anything they do. CL said they could do more at the museum to increase the management for biodiversity with advice. The challenge to finding volunteers was raised. KH suggested using the repair cafes and SWISH events as a platform for finding volunteers. Lea to finalise document to something which can be published and used and updated when needed. Refer to full council. | LD & KH                 |
| <b>5.3 Swish and Repair Cafes</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                         |
| Repair Café 28 <sup>th</sup> September and Swish 19 <sup>th</sup> October. Had a good response to advertising for repairers.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                         |
| <b>5.4 Net Zero</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                         |
| Mandeville had an energy audit and conclusion was that the proposed solar panels and battery storage and insulation was correct. Phase 2 may change based on the audit advice. Room 1 has been converted to LED Lighting.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                         |

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| <p>CL updated that we are on the cusp on publishing a statement on renewable energy for Burwell Parish Council.</p> <p>MOL – said it would be useful to encourage companies to improve their public and community relations.</p> <p>Burwell Sports centre – the roof is now covered with solar panels, heat pump is in place and there are 2 ev chargers</p> <p>Museum – solar panels activated on 24<sup>th</sup> March, there are some issues however the museum is now saving significant amounts per year on electricity.</p> |                                                              |
| <b>5.5 Wildlife Corridor</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                              |
| <p>No further update at this meeting.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <p><b>Nicky Hallows to contact farmer/Michael Geary.</b></p> |

**6. Spring Close Chalk Stream and pollution – update and discussion**

Our results conflict with what Anglian water are telling us. The clerk will chase Anglian Water for a full report.

GT said it would be helpful to date pollution signs. It is hoped that the Spring Close Management team will pick up the project involving Anglian Water and Environmental Health.

Steve Boreham is giving a talk on Chalk streams

<https://www.exningnewriver.co.uk/news/chalk-stream-expert-to-speak-at-special-church-hall-talk/>

**7. Local Nature Recovery Strategy – email correspondence to share with CBP Forum**

LD is following up about map access with the LNRS team

**8. Any Other Business**

Seven springs in Exning –there plans for a Country Park near the Burwell Parish Boundary. Further details can be found here in the West Suffolk

Plan: [https://www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/Planning\\_Policies/local\\_plans/west-suffolk-local-plan-and-neighbourhood-plans.cfm](https://www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/Planning_Policies/local_plans/west-suffolk-local-plan-and-neighbourhood-plans.cfm)

The Country Park vision is described here:

<https://www.letsplayourpart.co.uk/seven-springs>

**9. Date of the next meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> November**

Meeting closed 20:34

**Signed**

**Dated**