



WANTAGE TOWN COUNCIL

Council Offices, The Beacon, Wantage, OX12 9BX

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Minutes of The Climate Emergency Committee meeting held on
17 March 2025 at 7.30pm in The Beacon, Portway, Wantage, OX12 9BX
The minutes are draft until approved at the next meeting

Committee Members Present:

Councillors P Kirby Harris (Vice Chair), A Dunford, K Morris & C Walters

Substitute Committee Members Present:

Councillors A Crawford & S Third

Other Councillors present:

None

In Attendance:

Deputy Clerk: S Sanders

Members of the public: G Wilkin – Wantage & Grove Active Travel Group

J Harvey – Sustainable Wantage

Mark Young - Charlton Lodge Care Home

		ACTION
44	Apologies for Absence Cllrs Johnson & Wright (Chair)	
45	Declarations of disclosable Interests None	
46	Minutes of the meeting It was proposed by Cllr Kirby-Harris, seconded by Cllr Walters and resolved that the minutes were an accurate record of the meeting. The minutes were signed.	
47	Statements & Questions from members of the public Mark Young (Charlton Lodge Care Home) was present to speak about the Great Big Green Week grant application that had been submitted from Sweatbox, who would like to work with Charlton Lodge Care Home. The proposal is to make bug hotels with The Nacho's Young Carers and place them in the woodland area in Kingsgrove and other appropriate areas within the development. Mr Young was thanked for attending and left the meeting.	
48	To agree the payment of the invoice from Mr T Page It was proposed by Cllr Walters, seconded by Cllr Dunford and resolved to agree the payment of £640 for the work associated with hedge planting at the Manor Road Memorial Park.	Clerk

49	Income & Expenditure Report Members had received and noted the report.	
50	Report From Sustainable Wantage Jo Harvey reported that 40-50 people had planted 2300 hedge plants at Manor Road Memorial Park. She said that 200 spindle plants had not been despatched. The deputy clerk was to check if the invoice was correct and reflected this. 100 people had attended an energy event at the Beacon. It was a useful event.	Deputy Clerk
51	Report From The Wantage & Grove Active Travel Group Guy Wilkin gave an update regarding the LCWIP. Their group had recently attended a meeting with Oxfordshire County Council and the consultant. It was hoped that the sign post project would proceed shortly.	
52	Great Big Green Week Grant Applications it was proposed by Cllr Dunford, seconded by Cllr Walters and resolved to ask members of the public to leave the meeting during the confidential agenda item about to be discussed. The members of the public were thanked for attending and left the meeting. There had been 13 grant applications received. They were all reviewed and agreed where appropriate. Some clarification was required on others and it was agreed that deputy clerk was to seek clarification. It was proposed by Cllr Crawford, seconded by Cllr Kirby- Harris and resolved that subject to satisfactory confirmation of the queries the grants would be agreed by the deputy clerk in conjunction with Cllr Kirby-Harris. Members noted that section 5 of the grants policy had been contravened in certain applications. Cllr Dunford said that if any late applications were received, she would consider them using the mayor's charity fund.	Deputy Clerk/Kirby-Harris
53	Agenda Items for the Next meeting Climate Emergency Plan to be circulated for review. Feedback – Great Big Green Week and item for newsletter.	Deputy Clerk
54	Dates of Future Meetings 16 June 2025, 1 September 2025.	

The meeting closed at: 8.55 pm

Signed: _____

Date: _____