



**Environment Committee – Minutes of Meeting
Held at 6.00 pm on Tuesday 15th May 2025 in the Reading
Room, High Street, TISBURY, SP3 6LD**

MEETING MINUTES

(*responsibility for action)

Those present:

Councillors J Mason (Chairman), M Carlile, K Gamm - 3.

Also In attendance:

B Cornish (Clerk)

Two members of the public

Public Questions

A member of the public gave a brief report on the opening of the Rain Garden and progress on the interpretation board design and production.

EC 01.25 Election of Chair

- **Resolved that Councillor Mason be elected as Chair for 2025-26;
MC/ KG.**

EC 02.25 Apologies

Councillor Mason advised that apologies had been received from Councillors Coyle-Camp, Davison and Procter.

EC 03.25 Declarations of Interest

- a. Declarations of disclosable pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests already declared in the Register of Interests: None
- b. Declarations of disclosable pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests not previously declared in the Register of Interests: None.

EC 04.25 Minutes

Approval of the Minutes of the meetings held on Tuesday 15th October 2024.

- **Approved, Chair.**

EC 05.25 Matters Arising

To receive a report on the progress of matters discussed and actioned at previous meetings

Apple press it was agreed that a plan would be put together put a plan together for an apple day to be held in the orchard in the autumn.

EC 06.25 Terms of Reference

To consider any changes to the Terms of Reference for the Committee and make recommendations to the Parish Council:

- This item was deferred to the next meeting for councillors to consider changes to the document.

Councillor Mason proposed from the Chair that the meeting be opened to members of the public.

EC 07.25 Rain Garden

To receive an update on the Rain Garden and information on the formal opening arrangements:

A member of the public advised that the suggested opening date was Saturday 28th June, which was agreed by the Committee. She said that the chestnut fencing will come down before the day.

The plans for the event were that it would be held between 2 pm and 4 pm with biscuits and elderflower cordial served. There would be a demonstration on how to make your own stormwater planter and this would include the types of plants able to be used.

The Rain Garden flyers will go into Focus magazine for June and an item to include the opening date will be included in the magazine. The Interpretation Board is nearly ready. The water fountain could be put in place before the end of June.

A discussion was held on who could be invited and these invitations were to include Wessex Water, Tisbury Gardening Club, Nadder Community Energy and Cranborne Chase National Landscape and also surrounding villages..

Invite Gerry Murray and anyone else who deals with environment. Surrounding villages to be invited.

The date for a planning meeting on the opening event was agreed for Tuesday 3rd June at 6 pm.

The Square troughs have all been planted up. Two planters remain along with 19 fuchsias and 17 pelargoniums. The member of the public said she will write to the practice managers at the dentist and doctor's surgery to see if they would like them.

EC 08.25 Children's Community Garden

To consider the future of the Garden and any distribution of funds held in Earmarked Reserve:

This item was deferred to the next meeting so that councillors could consider what it could be used for and what needs to be done to it.

EC 09.25 StarFest 2026

To consider ideas and activities for the Parish Council's hosting of StarFest in March/April 2026 in partnership with the Cranborne Chase National Landscape:

A brief discussion was held on the event with the suggestion that members of the Committee meet with the Clerk of Warminster Town Council, which hosted it in 2025 to understand lessons learned and also with Steve Tonkin of CCNL.

EC 10.25 Noticeboards

To consider possible locations for noticeboards and to make recommendations to the Parish Council.

- **Resolved to add this item to the next Agenda and to await responses to Councillor Mason's Facebook post asking residents for suggestions of locations; JM/MC**

EC 11.25 Station Works

To consider a proposal from Councillor Mason that the Committee makes a recommendation to the Parish Council that the Clerk should write to the owners of the site requesting that they tidy it up following the fire in 2023:

- **Resolved that a recommendation be made to follow up the Committee's concerns with the site's owners and to remove all fire damaged stone; JM/MC**

EC 12.25 Environment Agency

To consider a proposal from Councillor Mason that the Committee makes a recommendation to the Parish Council that the Clerk should follow up the gap in the Agency's reporting system whereby no follow up was made to a report of unidentifiable residue left on grass following the flooding of a residential garden adjacent to the Nadder River:

- **Resolved that a recommendation be made that this matter be followed up with the Environment Agency th EA; JM/KG.**

EC 13.25 The Corry

To consider the access and use of the access path to the parish allotments in Weaveland Road:

- **Resolved that the ownership of the land be investigated; Chair.**

EC 14.25 Dates of Future Meetings

To agree the dates and times of future meetings for the rest of the civic year:

- **Resolved that all future meetings be held on the last Monday of the month at 6 pm; JM/KG.**

EC 15.25 Date of next meeting

Councillor Mason confirmed the date of the next meeting as Monday 30th June at 6 pm at the Reading Room.

With no further business the meeting closed at 6.58 pm.