

**Minutes of
Tisbury Parish Council's Environmental Working Group
held on Monday 5th September 2022 at 6.00 pm
at The Reading Room, High Street, Tisbury, SP3 6LD**

Present: Rosie Buck (RB), Victoria Hillier (VH), Ione Lacey (IL), Jerry Mason (JM), Gerry Murray (GM), Julie Phillips (JP)

1. **Apologies:** None
2. **Minutes of previous meeting:** Draft being checked and once to hand will be circulated and signed
3. **Matters Arising: NP** update: GM updated EWG on the situation that NP is with Wiltshire at the moment, with the environmental screening due by the end of the month, at which point GM hopes to reconstitute the working party to prepare the NP for Reg. 14. There will be a public exhibition with everyone invited to access evidence base. There is money from Locality for the viability study for Station Works. It was agreed that **Green Spaces** would not be altered for this iteration but would be looked at for the next, as careful negotiation will be needed with any landowners etc. This would then constitute an appropriate material change. It was agreed that the map showing significant trees within the **Green and Blue Infrastructure** would benefit from some further detail but this was not a requirement. *ACTION: RB will set up a meeting with Hugh MacNair and Debbie Carter ASAP to run through those trees identified by RB and Debbie Carter to see if Hugh McNair (who is helping with the mapping) can provide information by the end of September;* **Recycling:** This will be addressed at a future meeting once NP work completed.
4. **Terms of Reference:** The draft compiled by JP was to hand and amendments were discussed. *ACTION: The draft was agreed following amendments to exclude West Tisbury from Voting rights as they did not adopt the climate emergency declaration that Tisbury PC recommended nor agree to the action approved by Tisbury PC. The draft will be forwarded to Tisbury PC clerk to include as an agenda item for the next PC meeting. IL is drafting a statement on Environmental and climate issues for West Tisbury to adopt.*
5. **Ethical/Environmental Investment of PC:** GM confirmed that Tisbury Parish Council has investments at the moment but that there is a possibility that there may be at some point in the future, particularly if there was a future contribution of CIL money. GM and SH have drafted an investment Policy as required legally but the Council agreed that it should additionally have an ethical investment requirement. JP has looked at definitions of Ethical investment which would cover modern slavery, environmental etc. *ACTION: RB and JP to collaborate on a draft.*

6. **Plans for Public Loos:** RB ran through some of the ideas that her daughter had highlighted for the area, such as the advantage of providing a more central ramp to provide better accessibility. There are grants available at the moment that might be worth the PC applying for, if voted for. It was agreed that a separate meeting should be organised that would involve Tisbury residents and in particular those living close to the Nadder Car Park to put forward ideas they may have for the area. *ACTION: The EWG will seek approval from the full Council to apply for funding and hold a public consultation. JP and VH will draft a flyer for the meeting to be held on 26.9.22. RB, JM and VH will help with its distribution. IL will investigate the possibility of a drinking fountain point to be supplied by Wessex Water.*
7. **Future talks and Initiatives:** It was agreed that it would be helpful to begin a biodiversity register encouraging public engagement with the process, which in turn could be linked to increasing Green Space allocation of future NPs. RB highlighted the contact she had made with Swindon and Wiltshire Biological Records Office when researching the Environmental Survey for Station Works and with Gareth Harris on the recent Horseshoe bat survey he had compiled of the Nadder Valley. *ACTION: RB will contact Gareth Harris to see if he could come to give a talk for the EWG which could be opened up to Tisbury residents and will contact Peter Shallcross/Dick Budden about further collaboration with the Natural History Society. RB will also ask the Horticultural Society if they would like to link their forthcoming talks which have an environmental theme to the EWG page on the TPC website. Approval for EWG led talks in the community to be sought from Tisbury PC*
8. **Items for Next Agenda:** JM had forwarded an article to RB from the Guardian about rewilding projects that had benefitted from ELMs (Environmental Land Management) funding. Discussion of the role of trees and the importance of future proofing their planting will also be added to a future agenda. *ACTION: JM will forward article to rest of EWG ready for future discussion.*

Actions requiring approval from Tisbury Parish council			
1	Neighbourhood plan issues	On-going	GM
2	Environmental Working Group terms of reference	September 2 meeting	JP to send to PC for inclusion on the agenda
3	Approval to apply for a grant to improve the accessibility of the toilets in the village car park	September 2 meeting	Parish Clerk to include on the agenda
4.	Approval to arrange public events and talks on biodiversity	September 2 meeting	Parish Clerk to include on the agenda