



**Minutes of the Aylsham Climate Action Meeting
held on Monday 4th July 2022**

Present:

Trevor Bennett	Michael Goodwin	Phillippa Neale
Eleanor Baker	Jenny Haycocks	Pat Prekopp
Sue Catchpole	Ray Horne	Arthur Rope
Michael Dolling	Carol Lee	Sue Sharpe
Mary Evans	Neville Lee	Grizelda Tyler
Pat Grocott	Richard Moore	

Sue Lake Town Clerk

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

Apologies were received from

Lesley Bennett	Lilie Ferrari	Ian Hildrew
Rev Canon Julie Boyd	Erica Fisher	Sally Hildrew
Chris Corby	William Fisher	Sheila Preston
Linda Corby	Veronika Goodwin	Wendy Sadler
Anna Dolling	Margaret Hayward	

2. Declarations of interest

None were declared

3. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 30th May were agreed and signed by the chairman

4. Information on Matters Arising from previous minutes

Nothing raised

5. Presentation from Broadland District Council

Naageen Noorani from Broadland District spoke to the meeting regarding what can and what cannot be included in the recycling bins provided by the District Council. The recycling rate in Broadland is currently running at 49% which is above the national and local average. The food waste service will be expanding from October to cover areas such as Aylsham which are currently excluded. They finished the presentation with a 'waste quiz' debunking common myths on what can go in which bin.

6. **Climate Change Groups**

A written report had been received from some groups and these was expanded on

Contact & Connect

The Town Clerk queried the green bunting request as to where it was to be placed and by whom. The bunting would be for around the stalls and will be placed by the stallholders.

The outreach work went really well.

A presentation on social media engagement was deferred due to time restraints

Energy

The Town Council will be considering the proposal for a thermal imaging camera at the July meeting

Waste

Continuing to talk to the church re Terracycle.

Will consider an open meeting on Men's Shed for the autumn

Biodiversity

The possibility of reducing the Town Councils grass cutting was discussed. The Town Clerk advised that the grass cutting was under contract so cannot just be reduced without consultation and agreement. The Town Clerk requested more detail from the group to enable this to go forward.

Groups are asked to send a written report for distribution with the agenda no later than one week before the meeting.

7. **Working with Aylsham Schools**

Item deferred

8. **Green Day Event**

This is scheduled for Sunday 25th September – times to be confirmed.

All groups are asked to consider a stall for this event and report back at the next meeting.

9. **Sustainability of Town Council buildings and work**

a) To discuss sustainability of the Town Hall

There is a real problem with the Town Hall as it is both listed and in the conservation area. A new boiler will be required soon but most 'green' boilers would not be capable of heating the hall. The windows are also both an issue and in a bad state of repair. Previous conservation officers at the planning department were not receptive to replacement wooden windows with sealed units. However, there is a limit to how often the windows can be repaired. The Town Clerk will look to find a heating expert who could advise.

It is also not clear if solar panels would be accepted by both the planners and the public.

b) To discuss sustainability of the Drill Hall

This will also need a new boiler shortly and similar issues of finding a suitable replacement will be an problem. Solar panels could be considered but there is a glass roof to the Drill Hall and not sure how suitable this would be.

b) To discuss sustainability of Ground Work

The Town Council uses very limited chemicals and only when other methods have failed. The grass is contracted to be cut every two weeks.

10. What has the group omitted?

- Green Finance – possibly stall at the Green Day event about investing ethically
- Food and Farming – regenerative agriculture
- Celebrations
- Flying

It was felt that this could be seen as a bit ‘preaching’ if not handled carefully

11. New Items for future discussion

Nothing raised

12. Date of Next Meeting

To confirm the date of the next Meeting as Monday August 1st 2022

The meeting closed at 9.10pm