



Minutes of the **Aylsham Climate Emergency** Group Meeting held on 4th August 2025



Present:

Grizelda Tyler (Chairman)
Corinne Houlden
Heather Walters

Sue Catchpole
Kay Montandon

Bryce Davies
Yvonne Stewart

Also Present: Faye LeBon (Town Clerk)

1. To Receive Apologies for Absence

Apologies were noted from Cheryl Bould, Jenny Haycocks, Shelley Hudson, Kate Mackenzie and Reannon Tapp.

2. To Receive Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensation

None received.

3. To Agree the Minutes of the 7th July 2025

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th July 2025 were **agreed** as a true record of the business conducted at the meeting.

4. To Note Matters Arising from the Minutes, not Included on the Agenda

None raised

5. To Receive Group Updates

Waste

Heather reported that the waste group has 3 ½ bags of blister packs to mangle. Earthglade are finishing on the market so the group will lose a drop off point for blister packs. Michael is seeking an alternative.

Grizelda read out a poem written by a young person about ACE Waste. It is hoped to get this published in Just Aylsham.

Transport and Energy

Kay reported that the Transport Hub is now moving at pace, with the consultants working on a design plan. Norfolk County Council is favouring permeable paving, which is likely to add to the cost.

There has been lots of discussions to improve the bus routes in Aylsham. This includes initial discussions with North Norfolk Community Transport. It also includes work to improve a route to cover Henry Page Road.

The Clerk will arrange a meeting between the Town Council, ABC and local bus services to brainstorm routes around Aylsham.

Gordon Clarke is working hard on proposals for the traffic movement around the pump.

Corinne supported this, but urged caution with the visibility turning right from Cawston Road.

Nature and Biodiversity

Yvonne advised that the film 'Hungry for Change' had been shown. A review will be written and an analysis of the points that came out of the meeting completed.

The film was followed by a meal (courtesy of a donation from Slow Food and cooking by Eves Hill). The next film will be Riverlands.

The raking on Henry Page Road has been completed and the Groundsman has collected the arisings.

Grizelda will pursue RWE about a 'mini COP'. It was noted that Cawston Primary has good eco-credentials.

6. To Agree Actions on Planned Events

Bryce and Heather have agreed to attend on the Aylsham Show on behalf of ACE.

Grizelda and Sue can help if required. If a taxi is required for transport, it was agreed that this can be booked. Details about the location of Town Tent are required.

Riverlands will be shown on 1st November.

7. To Discuss Volunteer Roles within Groups

Grizelda stressed the need for more volunteers.

8. ACE Noticeboard

a) To Agree Costings, to be put forward to Aylsham Town Council

Cheryl had obtained costings for refurbishment of the noticeboard from the Community Shed. It was **agreed** to put forward to the Town Council that a £50 donation would be required.

b) To Agree Guidance for Use

A draft document had been circulated. Subject to correction of a typographical error, this was **agreed** and will be brought together with the Social Media policy.

9. To Receive Update on Climate Support from Broadland Council

The Clerk reported that the deadline for response to Broadland Council was 31st July.

Seven categories of workshop topics were suggested, of which three were supposed to be chosen, however, interest in all seven was submitted due to the proactive nature of the ACE group. These were:

- Community engagement on climate change
- Retrofitting and insulation
- Renewable energy (e.g., Solar PV, ASHP)
- Carbon footprinting and emissions tracking
- Energy efficiency in public buildings
- Biodiversity and nature based solutions
- Circular economy and recycling

The first workshop is hoped to be held in September. The Clerk will advise when details have been received.

10. FINANCE

a) To receive update on ACE budget

The Clerk provided an update on the ACE budget in both the earmarked reserves and the revenue budget, along with committed funds. Details of donations received in the 25/26 financial year were also noted.

b) To consider projects for the Veolia Sustainability Fund

Discussions occurred as to support for an allotment growing food for the community fridge, and also for wooden planters which had a water reservoir, made by the Community Shed.

This is to be placed on the next agenda.

11. To Finalise Arrangements for the Aylsham Show

This had been covered under item 6. The Clerk advised that the Town Council was in possession of 2 x tickets and a vehicle pass.

12. To Consider Application for Town Council Funding for Updating the ACE Website.

It was noted that a stronger website was required to appeal to people who had yet to buy in to the objectives of ACE. A local resident had been contacted about the update and had advised that ACE needed to decide what was required from the site. It was agreed to hold a brainstorming session on 25th October (am) to discuss this and also what else is required for ACE Comms.

Heather reported that guidance to update the ACE Facebook site remained unclear. Grizelda will contact Patrick for advice.

Yvonne had spoke to Just Aylsham to negotiate a page every month.

13. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

Community Biodiversity Awards and Broadland District Council Community Awards (Green at Heart). As the deadline was the end of August for both these awards, Grizelda will speak to the Clerk on 7th August to discuss further.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

This was **agreed** as Monday 1st September commencing at 7pm.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.15pm.

Signed _____

Date _____