



Notes of the meeting of the Environmental Working Group at Banwell Youth & Community Centre, 7:30pm on Monday 7th of July 2025.

PRESENT: Councillors Steve Voller (Chairman), Mike Bailey (Vice-chairman), Mike Dolling, Paul Harding and Kelly Smith

Officers Present: Amy Symonds (Environment and Biodiversity officer)

Members of the public Present: 2

The meeting was convened.

009/25 To receive apologies for absence (agenda item 1)

Apologies were received from Councillor Arlidge & Cynthia Legge

010/25 To receive declarations of interest (agenda item 2)

No interests were declared.

011/25 To agree the minutes from the Environment WG on the 2th of June 2025 (agenda item 3)

Resolved – The minutes of the Environment Working Group on the 2nd of June 2025 were approved as a correct record of the meeting.

012/25 Ecologist Introduction and Recommendations (agenda Item 4)

The Ecologist employed to survey the Parish Councils Green spaces provided an overview outlining the significance of safeguarding the surrounding landscape and subsequently presented proposed management options for each individual land parcel.

013/25 Recap of Existing Green Space Suggestions (agenda item 5)

The Environment and Biodiversity Officer reviewed the suggestions made last week regarding the management of our green spaces, highlighting those that aligned with the ecologist's recommendations.

014/25 Discussion: Selecting Priority Ideas for Green Space Use (agenda item 6)

The Group wanted to prioritise actions that could be implemented across multiple sites and offered quick, tangible benefits. These included the installation of wildlife boxes and the improvement or creation of hedgerows. Following this, the next key priority identified was supporting pollinators. As a result, the Environment and Biodiversity Officer was tasked with exploring potential changes to current grassland management practices.

015/25 Update on Non-Green Space Environmental Ideas (agenda item 7).

The Environment and Biodiversity Officer provided a brief overview of the non-green space related ideas proposed last week, along with the steps already taken to begin implementing the most actionable items.

016/25 Date of next meeting. (Agenda item 8).

Monday 6th of October 2025 7:15pm Environment Working Group Meeting at the YCC.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:45pm

.....Chairman

.....Date