



## Minutes of the Aylsham Climate Emergency Meeting Held in Town Hall on Monday September 9<sup>th</sup> 2024

### Present:

Grizelda (Chair)  
Yvonne Stewart  
Lilie Ferrari  
Adam Curtis

Louise Harlow  
Fiona Scott  
Pat Prekopp

Jenny Haycocks  
Kay Montandon  
Anna Magyar

Dave Addy – Town Clerk

### 1. **Welcome and apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cheryl Bould and Shelley Hudson.

### 2. **Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting held Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2024 were confirmed and signed by the Chair. Anna emphasized the success of the Big Green Week – the report from the ACE Waste Sub-Group was not presented during the last meeting.

### 3. **Matters Arising**

A disposal location for the arisings from the wildflower cutting was requested, and AGREED to be investigated.

### 4. **Project Work**

Presentation of new Projects for consideration – none received.

#### **Update on Noticeboard**

The management company for the Willows still refused consent for a noticeboard on their land, despite the Chairman writing to them. The Town Council therefore agreed at the last meeting to erect a noticeboard on its allotments at the Willows.

### 5. **Group Updates**

#### **Nature**

Positive working with the Groundsman. Have identified a company with a local seed mix, which will share. Discussion on the use of herbicides. AGREED to uncover the footpath kerbing near the Community Orchard. Currently one Tree Warden for the orchard. The National Trust had engagement with 20-30k people at the Aylsham Show. There was very good tree root protection at the show and Classical Ibiza. The NT are cutting down leylandii at Blickling Church, and have carried out tree planting and mulching at the Rec.

#### **Waste**

The blister pack recycling programme has been very successful, with more boxes filled and replacement boxes available at the Town Hall. Suggested switch to pallets for recycling, due to the cost of £108 per box, with three bought at a time. Blister pack storage space, and mangling volunteers required. The blister pack petition has 150 paper signatories, with more on change.org.

**Transport**

Traffic Strategy to be brought forward with Town Clerk and Highways, as agreed by Town Council.

**Energy**

Will aim to sign up energy camera users.

**Communications**

Concentrating on Green Day.

**Slow Food**

Will update further at next meeting.

**6. Green Day****To receive updates from working group on:**

- **Dry and wet weather plans**
- **Proposals**

Presentation on Green Day plans, promotion, and ACE t-shirt sales, with intention to sign up new ACE members at Green Day, plus to offer 'bite size' tasks on website. Nicholas Crane will open Green Day, cutting ribbon. AGREED to investigate buying outdoor microphone for ACE, Cittaslow and Town Council Events (borrowing Parkrun microphone for GD). All town centre shops have been contacted about GD banners and posters. The NT gave apologies for not being able to staff this year. Town Council providing staffing to set up outdoor tables, picnic tables and marquee, plus provision of A-board to Jenny, and printing and photocopying by prior arrangement. Liley and Cheryl Stewarding. Main set-up to start at 9 am, with elements from 7.30 am.

**7. Laptop refurbishment scheme**

This agenda item was resolved to be held over for the next meeting, so that it could be presented.

**8. Recreation Ground rainwater harvesting system proposal**

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**9. Items for future discussion**

Held over agenda items 7 & 8. Benchmarking or reporting of Council carbon footprint.

**10. Date of Next Meeting**

The next ACE Meeting will be 7<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm