

Minutes of the meeting of the **Climate and Ecological Emergency Committee** held at the **Shire Hall** on **Wednesday 24<sup>TH</sup> September 2025** at **7pm**

**Councillors:**

Present: Cllrs. D Adelson, E Beck, E O’Nolan and C Walsh. Non-Council members Rob Berry and Jan Pulsford

Apologies: Cllrs. D Pegg and M Wilks. Non-Council members Oscar Brennecke-Dunn, Jane Healey and Mel Menhams.

In Attendance: Town Clerk (Mr G E Diaper), Estates Officer (Mr L J Garrard), Cllrs. Phipps and Sanders, and one member of the public.

**1. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were approved from Cllrs. D Pegg and M Wilks and Non-Council members Oscar Brennecke-Dunn, Jane Healey and Mel Menhams.

**2. Declarations of Member Interests.**

No members made any declarations of interests in relation to items on the agenda.

**3. Requests for dispensations.**

There were no requests for a dispensation in relation to items on the agenda.

**4. Public Question Time**

The member of the public present did not wish to speak.

**5. To agree and approve the minutes of the meeting held 30<sup>th</sup> July 2025.**

The minutes of the Climate and Ecological Emergency Committee meeting held 30<sup>th</sup> July 2025 were approved as a true record.

**6. To consider additional irrigation options for the new planting on Kingston Field.**

The Estates Officer spoke to his paper on the irrigation options he has been testing at Kingston Field.

The Committee was supportive of the proposals therein and asked that a fully costed report be presented to Full Council in October, with a view to the cost of the project being met from expenditure code 4135/140 (Estate Resilience).

**7. To consider a funding request from the Bee Café CIC.**

The Committee agreed to provide funding to the amount of £2,500 to the Bee Café CIC, payable from the CEE Committee budget (5250) to facilitate the installation of further Bee Cafes in the parish.

The Committee also agreed that the Bee Café CIC be allowed to undertake a pilot project of a living barrier on Kingston Field.

**8. To receive an update on the Elmhurst Park pond proposal.**

The Committee agreed to abandon plans to install a pond in Elmhurst Park due to the health and safety concerns raised by various bodies.

**9. To consider an update on the Green Infrastructure Project.**

The Committee considered the latest iteration of the Green Infrastructure Project

- Cllr. Beck to convene a meeting on Fen Meadow to consider fencing, mini forests and non-native tree removal.
- Cllr. Beck to contact the Suffolk Wildlife Trust regarding their advice about the creation of wildlife scrapes on Fen Meadow.
- The Town Clerk was asked to contact:
  - the Council's arborist about tree works on Fen Meadow.
  - the Council's tree supplier about the Elmhurst Park linear orchard.
  - the Council's fencing contractor about Fen Meadow.
  - a variety of bodies regarding a wildflower area in Elmhurst Park.
  - East Suffolk Council about a water supply from the New Cemetery.

The Committee agreed that wherever an element of the project has been fully costed and considered, it may be recommended to Full Council for approval, and payment from expenditure code 4135/140 (Estate Resilience).

**10 Closure**

The meeting was closed at 8.43pm

Councillor Beck  
Chair