



**Environment Committee – Minutes of Meeting
Held at 6.00 pm on Monday 28th July 2025 in the Reading
Room, High Street, TISBURY, SP3 6LD**

MEETING MINUTES

(*responsibility for action)

Those present:

Councillors J Mason (Chairman), M Carlile, E Coyle-Camp, K Gamm, E Procter - 5.

Also In attendance:

B Cornish (Clerk)

No members of the public

Public Questions

No questions or statements were received.

EC 26.25 Apologies

None.

EC 27.25 Declarations of Interest

- a. Declarations of disclosable pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests already declared in the Register of Interests: None.
- b. Declarations of disclosable pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests not previously declared in the Register of Interests: None.

EC 28.25 Minutes

Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 30th June 2025:

- **Approved; JM/MC.**

EC 29.25 Matters Arising

To receive a report on the progress of matters discussed and actioned at previous meetings:

Childrens Community Garden

Councillor Mason said that he and the Clerk had been to the site to carry out an audit of the sheds. One of the sheds contained mostly tools and the other shed wasn't accessible due to stinging nettles. Councillor Coyle-Camp said that she was happy to trim the area in front of the inaccessible shed.

Councillor Gamm said that he had met with Dave Godden and the Tree Warden, Andrew Graham, and both were enthusiastic about extending the orchard. The fencing would need to be changed to block the entrance to the former community garden and then the fencing could be removed which leads from the community garden to the orchard.

Councillor Mason will check the condition of the sheds to determine which can be retained. One of them acts as the water resource for the bowser for the orchard.

If the orchard is extended onto land owned by the King George's Field Trust, this would need to be approved by the Trust.

It was agreed that a bug hotel could be installed on the land to encourage insects. Councillor Gamm said that as an extension of the orchard, it could be a good space.

Councillor Coyle-Camp suggested that it could be an outdoor installation art space. This could be themed and anything which is representative of that theme could be put in there and rotated with other pieces over time.

EC 30.25 Terms of Reference

To consider the re-written Terms of Reference for the Committee and make recommendations to the Parish Council:

Councillor Carlile explained the reasoning for the changes and the direction of travel for the Committee. It also specifies certain areas of the asset register over which the Committee has responsibility.

The Committee may co-opt members who can join it who are not councillors.

- **Recommended for adoption; LCC/KG; unanimous.**

EC 31.25 StarFest 2026

To approve the setting up of a Working Group, and elect its membership, with the purpose of planning the events and activities for the Parish Council's hosting of StarFest in March/April 2026 in partnership with the Cranborne Chase National Landscape:

- **Agreed that the Committee would be involved rather than set up a working group; Chair; unanimous.**

EC 32.25 Noticeboards

To agree the specifications and materials for the noticeboards to be installed so that these can either be sourced online and/or relayed to the Wilton Mens' Shed following confirmation of their willingness to provide quotes and to produce them:

- **Resolved; that the noticeboards would be A1 in size and both lockable but not all necessarily requiring a key as this would prevent organisations from accessing them; JM/MK; unanimous**

The Clerk was asked to circulate links to parish noticeboard sites to councillors.

EC 33.25 Water Testing Kit

To consider a proposal from Councillor Mason that the Committee recommends to the Council that it purchase a Water Testing Kit which tests 44 Analytes at the cost of £249 for the testing of the River Nadder:

<https://ivarior-lab.co.uk/collections/well-water-test>

- **Resolved to contact the following; Chair:**

- David Holroyd and at the Wessex Rivers Trust to see if it would be useful for his organisation.
- The Environment Agency to check whether it would accept the results of the test and whether it meets their standards.
- Come back to next meeting and decide how to proceed.

EC 34.25 Tisbury's First Rain Garden

To agree next steps or any further actions to be taken on the Rain Garden:

- **Resolved to support Rosie Buck in devising a maintenance plan; JM/LCC.**

EC 34.25 Community Orchard

To consider how to proceed for finalisation of the Information Board and the apple pressing event to be held in the autumn:

Resolved that the following actions be approved; Chair:

- The Clerk will establish what further work is needed on the design of the noticeboard and will work with Councillor Gamm to get it finished and installed.
- Councillor Gamm will talk to Rosie Buck regarding a date for an apple day to meet early ripening this year.

EC 35.25 Date of next meeting

Councillor Mason confirmed the date of the next meeting as Tuesday 26th August 2025 at 6 pm at the Reading Room.

With no further business the meeting closed at 7.25 pm.