



Environment Committee – Minutes of Meeting Held at 6.00 pm on Tuesday 26th August 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)

One member of the public

Public Questions

A member of the public asked if they could borrow the apple press as their apples were ready for pressing.

EC 36.25 Apologies

No apologies had been received.

EC 37.25 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 38.25 Minutes

Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 28th July 2025.

- **Approved; JM/MC.**

EC 39.25 Matters Arising

Community Garden: It was reported that the sheds were in need of repair to their roofs and that one of them should be removed. The greenhouse had not yet been removed.

Suggestions were made that a bug hotel could be installed on the land and that the site could be used as a nursery for the trees for the Orchard and elsewhere.

EC 40.25 StarFest 2026

To consider the progress of the plans for StarFest, agree further actions and make any recommendations to the Parish Council:

Following a detailed discussion, it was recommended that the budget be increased in view of the number of events being organised.

- **Recommendation to increase the budget by £2k; JM/LCC; unanimous.**

EC 41.25 Community Orchard

To agree on the plans for an Apple Day to be held on Sunday 12th October 2025 at the Orchard:

Councillor Gam reported that he had sent the committee some suggestions and his current thoughts on the event. He said that Rosie Buck who is involved in the continued maintenance of the Orchard had been speaking to Dave Godden who was available to attend to respond to questions and identify apples.

The event would not be just about apple pressing but would include competitions and apple bobbing. Gazeboes would be placed on the King George's Field. Attendees who wished to have their apples crushed would need to book in advance and also bring their own bottles.

Councillor Gamm said he would ask Peter Shallcross about using the pulp from the apple pressing to feed cattle.

EC 42.25 Noticeboards

To consider and select noticeboards from online sources or to be made by Wilton Mens' Shed and to make recommendations to the Parish Council:

Councillors agreed to look at the suppliers circulated by the Clerk and the Clerk agreed to chase up the Mens' Shed for quotes so that decisions could be taken at the September meeting.

EC 43.25 Rain Garden and High Street Troughs Maintenance

To consider a draft maintenance plan drawn up by Rosie Buck:

The Committee accepted the maintenance plan and agreed put forward items for the budget at the September meeting which would include the funding of a maintenance contractor to maintain the rain garden.

EC 44.25 Water Testing Kit

To consider feedback from the Wessex Rivers Trust and the Environment Agency regarding 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://ivarlab.co.uk/collections/well-water-test>

This item was deferred to next meeting.

EC 45.25 Date of next meeting

Councillor Mason confirmed the date of the next meeting as Monday 29th September 2025 at 6 pm at the Reading Room. Preceded by a StarFest meeting at 4.30 pm.

With no further business the meeting closed at 6.56 pm.