



Environment Committee – Minutes of Meeting Held at 6.00 pm on Tuesday 29th September 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, E Procter - 4.

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 46.25 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Gamm.

EC 47.25 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 48.25 Minutes

Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 26th August 2025.

- **MC/LCC approved**

EC 49.25 Tree Works Application

PL/2025/07138 Zion Hill, Cuffs Lane, Tisbury - T1 Yew - Crown lift up to 3m over car park. Crown lift to clear garage roof by up to 1.5m and cut back to clear building by up to 2m

- **LCC/MC approved the following response:** The proposals look reasonable and acceptable as long as it is done sensitively. This is with the proviso that when the applicants say "cut back to clear building by up to 2m" they are referring to the main building/old chapel and not the garage block building.

EC 50.25 Matters Arising

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

Community Garden: The Clerk was asked to contact the Weaveland Road Allotment Society to ask whether an allotment holder might want one of the sheds.

EC 51.25 StarFest 2026

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

The meeting had been preceded by a meeting to discuss StarFest. Numerous matters were discussed but did not result in any recommendations being put the Parish Council at this time.

EC 52.25 Community Orchard

To receive an update from Councillor Gamm on the plans for the Apple Day event being held on Sunday 12th October 2025 at the Orchard:

In Councillor Gamm's absence Ms Rosie Buck gave a detailed report on the arrangements, the set up and the activities being held during the 2-hour event. She said that:

- 3 apple presses will be available together with the Parish Council's scrapper;
- There will be a demonstration on how to make cider vinegar and fire side.
- Councillor Cradock will be bringing apple and pear sorbet.

With regard to publicity, a poster was in Focus, Mary Myers will include the event in next Monday's TisTalk. Councillor Mason had put it onto local social media sites and Councillor Emma Proctor will send it out to members of the Natural History Society.

EC 53.25 Noticeboards

To receive an update from the Clerk on the purchase of noticeboards.

Following a discussion, further online searching by councillors was agreed and that Councillor Carlile will work with the Clerk to agree which noticeboard suppliers are to be used.

EC 54.25 Water Testing Kit

To consider feedback from the Wessex Rivers Trust and the Farmers Cluster regarding the purchase of a Water Testing Kit to test the River Nadder:

It was agreed that this item will be deferred to the next meeting so that members could attend the Farmers' Cluster talk at the New Vic@Tisbury on 23rd October. It was also agreed that David Holroyd would be invited to attend and provide a briefing at a future meeting.

EC 55.25 Payment Card Machine

To consider making a recommendation to the Council that it purchases a payment card machine to receive card payments at the Council's events:

- **Approved; LCC/MC** – the machine should be one with a sim card.

EC 56.25 Budget for 2025/26

To consider items for the Environment Committee's budget line in Council's budget for 2025/26:

It was agreed that the input would be provided to the Clerk by councillors ahead of the first meeting of the working group.

EC 57.25 End of Year Review

To consider a proposal from Councillor Mason to have an end of year event to be held at the Hinton Hall on Monday 13th April 2026 for the Committee to provide a review of its activities over the year.

- **Approved; JM/LCC;** unanimous. The event will be held from 6-8 pm with the hall booked from 5-9pm.

EC 58.25 Date of next meeting

Councillor Mason confirmed the date of the next meeting as Monday 27th October 2025 at 6 pm at the Reading Room.

With no further business the meeting closed at 7.10 pm.