



**Environment Committee – Minutes of Meeting
Held at 6.00 pm on Tuesday 24th November 2025 in the
Reading Room, High Street, TISBURY, SP3 6LD**

MEETING MINUTES

(*responsibility for action)

Those present:

Councillors J Mason (Chairman), M Carlile, K Gamm and E Procter - 4

Also In attendance:

B Cornish (Clerk)

No members of the public

Public Questions

None

EC 67.25 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Coyle-Camp.

EC 68.25 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 69.25 Minutes

Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 27th October 2025:

- **Approved; MC/KG.**

EC 70.25 Matters Arising

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

Meeting with Wessex Rivers Trust

Councillor Mason will be suggesting Tuesday 16th December at 2 pm for a meeting from the dates provided by Alex Deacon and Lindsey Death.

EC 71.25 StarFest 2026

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

- Photographers will cost £100 each which include their travel.
- Easels needed for photographs. JM has a meeting with photographers on 9th December to look at venues for photographs.
- 75 tickets for orchestra. They will charge the Council £100 to come for rehearsal but still awaiting costs. JM estimates costs will be looking at £500 including music sheet costs.
- JM/MC/Clerk to work on budget finalising with all costs to be included.
- Astronomer Royal has been invited and may be joining virtually through the New Vic@Tisbury.
- Clerk to book in Lord Lieutenant or a deputy to attend.
- Films are all organised and booked in. Posters are all organised.
- Fundraiser film is Sunday 1st February – Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy.
- Suggest that there is a youth film. Zita to be asked about what it should be.
- The astrophotography is for beginners.
- Thursday night – night walk with storyteller from Messums with Footpath Club and the Natural History Society.
- Bands on Saturday night are re-doing their set list to accommodate theme. Stars Appeal fundraising. Raffles.
- A donation is to be made to St John's and Methodist Church for venue use.
- Photo displays in St John's.
- Lantern displays in St John's with Messums using their cherry picker to help.
- Tables needed from Nadder Centre for putting telescopes on and kit.
- Letter to go out to businesses to tell them about the festival and if they want to take part. Provide a prize, become a sponsor. JM to draft. They're also to be asked if they'd be willing to participate in a constellation trail.
- Ideas about doing constellations black paper with white stars. Find a website with constellations on it.
- Scribed – printable constellation slides. Black paper is needed.
- Hire headsets for walks so that people can hear easily.
- All happy with Nadder Centre, Victoria Hall – all booked as per sessions.
- Kevin Gamm volunteered to crop constellation posters. Likely at least 24 constellation sized posers and put them on backing boards from ones already in the Reading Room. So far there are 23 different constellations.

EC 72.25 Orchard Noticeboard

To consider a proposal from Councillor Gamm to add a board with an apple design to the back of the Orchard noticeboard which could be designed by children at St John's Primary School:

- **Recommendation to Council that it be approved; KG/MC; unanimous.**

EC 73.25 Working Group for Great Big Green Week

To consider a proposal from Councillor Mason to set up a working group for Great Big Green Week 2026:

- **Deferred to next meeting. MC/JM.**

EC 74.25 Date of next meeting

To agree the date of the next meeting as Monday 26th January 2026 at 5 pm at the Reading Room.

With no further business the meeting closed at 7.30 pm.