



## WIVENHOE TOWN COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 3 November 2025 at 7.30pm  
**Chair Approved**

**Present:** Cllr Maltby (Chair), Cllr Blomeley, Cllr Evans, Cllr Boughton, Clare Kendrick-Robinson (Biodiversity Working Group) and Jo Beighton-Emms, Town Clerk.

**Public questions:** None

### PART A

E/11.25/01 Apologies for absence: Cllrs Aldis, Harmon and Andrew. Their apologies were accepted.

E/11.25/02 Declarations of interest: None

E/11.25/03 Minutes of the meeting held on 9 July 2025: The minutes of this meeting were proposed by Cllr Evans, seconded by Cllr Boughton and approved by all as an accurate record of proceedings.

E/11.25/04 Climate Action Planning:

Carbon Footprint Calculator: Cllr Blomeley reported that he is creating a working document that will be shared for views and input. There will be a meaningful look at the council's carbon footprint. He can present a document at the next Environment Committee meeting.

He will be running energy-saving advice sessions on Friday evenings. This is being done on a voluntary basis and not as part of his employment in this field. This will include advice on a carbon calculator. The Town Clerk will arrange to advertise these sessions.

Cllr Blomeley agreed to work on the Climate Action Plan.

The councillors discussed EV chargers and the options for WTC to apply for funding for these. Cllr Blomeley highlighted the issues with lithium batteries and other options that are now being considered. A feasibility document will be drafted and then shared with the Estates Committee.

E/11.25/05 Biodiversity Working Group Update, including:

Feasibility Report Update: Cllr Evans reported that following the report the group are working on the prioritised ideas highlighted by Adonis Blue. His aim is to work with local landowners and with Tarmac.

Clare reported that the Funding Officer had attended the last meeting of the working group, and she is looking at funding opportunities for the group's project ideas. These include a community orchard, a wildflower nursery, a gravel garden and the group is working on the area of land on the High Street at the exit to the car park. The group also met with Susie Jenkins from the Brightlingsea Nature Project Group.

Broomgrove School received grant funding for a garden project, and the working group are meeting with them on 10 November. They are also working with Wivenhoe in Bloom on the area of land on Ernest Road.

Clare agreed that the 'Trees for Life' project could go on the next working group agenda.

The Library of Things is going well, and they have an article in the next edition of Wivenhoe News.

E/11.25/06 Budget: No update. The councillors considered allocating more budget to the Funding Officer to source grants.

E/11.25/07 Date and Time of the next meeting: It was agreed that the next meeting will take place on Wednesday 10 December 2025 at 7.30pm.

PART B

None

The Chair closed the meeting at 20.50.