

Lyminge Parish Council

DRAFT Minutes of Lyminge Parish Council Climate Action Committee Meeting.
Held on Monday 3rd March 2025 in Lyminge Village Hall

03.01 Present: Cllrs King, Hall¹ and Heywood

In attendance: Chani Sanger (Clerk) and two members of the public.

Apologies: None

Declarations of interest: None

03.02 Minutes:

[Motion - To approve the minutes of 2 September 2024.](#)

Proposed: Cllr King | Seconded: Cllr Heywood | Motion passed.

[Motion - To approve the minutes of 6 January 2025](#)

Proposed: Cllr King | Seconded: Cllr Heywood | Motion passed.

03.03 Actions on approved motions:

03.03.1 Brambles: Cllr King to liaise with Lyminge Climate Action

03.03.2 Whips: Cllr King to liaise with Lyminge Climate Action

03.03.3 Cherry Tree on Tayne Field: It was noted that further information had been requested regarding this motion. Cllr King noted that the brambles around the Cherry tree are encroaching onto Tayne Field and need to be trimmed back. It has been added to the new grounds maintenance schedule but will need to be mowed to deal with it initially.

03.04 Current climate action:

03.04.1 Chalk Stream

Where does the stream water become foul? There are contaminants impacting the water but it would be useful to know where the contamination point is. Could water testing be done? It was noted that some of the contamination could be coming from water run off from Woodland Road. It was noted that the South East River Trust has funds available for saving Chalk Streams. It was noted that there was a recent sewage leak that could have impacted the Chalk Stream, evidence of negative impact was investigated however there did not appear to be any obvious negative effects. This would be things such as dead freshwater shrimp or dead fish. *Clerk to research water testing kits. Clerk to follow up with the Environment Agency.*

03.04.2 Grounds Maintenance

The entrance to Court Lodge Green has become overly muddy and inaccessible, woodchips seem like an obvious solution. Cllr King to liaise with a local ecologist regarding the environmental impact of using woodchip and report back to the Clerk.

03.05 General :

03.05.1 Chalk Stream already discussed.

03.05.2 NHP not being discussed at present.

03.05.3 A member of the public noted that the newsletter information was lacking and could be improved as part of 'research and communication'. They mentioned Climate Fresk and that they would send over information as it could be of use to the council's climate ambitions.

¹ Cllr Hall was acting as a stand in for Cllr Mills

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03.05.4 Cllrs King and Heywood attended the local farmers' market in January and the following information was obtained: parishioners do not want to lose any green space, there are concerns regarding overcrowding in Lyminge Primary School and a potential need to extend the school onto Tayne Field, there are concerns regarding Longage Hill field and the current uses of the field.

03.06 Correspondence:

- Issues with rats on Tayne and Well Field. Clerk had spoken with a pest control company who confirmed that the source was a broken pipe on the field. Clerk to investigate further and take it to Full Council.
- Issues with moles on Rhodes Minnis Recreation Ground: Clerk noted that there are two main solutions, extermination or compressing the land. The former is quicker and cheaper but results in death of the moles, the latter is longer term to implement and more expensive but discourages moles from living in the field as opposed to exterminating them. Clerk to investigate further and take it to Full Council.

03.07 Date of next meeting: TBC

Meeting closed at 20:29

Signed: _____ Chair (Date __/__/25)