



Meeting 11th August 2025 – 7pm Zoom

Minutes

Present: Catherine Young (Chair), Jane Howard, Claire Brown, Roy Proctor, Juliet Robinson, Carol Wilson, Mel Beynon, Clare Bevan, Rachel Holloway.

1. Welcome and Chair's opening remarks:

CY thanked everyone for helping at The Big Day Out. A notable outcome was the intention to provide a drinking water station at the next event as there were lots of plastic bottles on sale!

CY also thanked CB for hosting July's meeting – this will now be an annual event.

2. Apologies for Absence:

Carole Mattock, Pip Davis, Yendle Barwise, Chris Jany, Penny Whitlock

3. Minutes and Actions from previous meeting:

Minutes agreed. Actions:

- Awaiting news on withdrawal of school bus funding.
- Need to do more to promote Plastic Free July next year.
- A joint Horsley's Litter pick has been proposed at each PC meeting – mixed response was disappointing. PC members to follow up, but if it is too tricky for the PCs to do, we may have to organise one ourselves to promote the Big Green Week.
- CY to follow up with CM re public transport issues which had been raised at June's meeting.

4. Report from July's Meeting at CBevan's: to follow.

5. Dark Skies in the Horsley's:

CY had asked for a couple of volunteers to have a go at drafting a letter to send to local schools, businesses and potentially residents to ensure all are aware that The Horsley's are Dark Skies villages. Purpose would be to cut back on unnecessary lighting and raise awareness of why this is important and the benefits to wildlife.

Action: CY will draft and ensure there is mention in both PC newsletters for this Autumn as the nights are drawing in. MB to provide list of schools and CBrown to provide list of Businesses.

6. Network Group Updates:

East Horsley PC – Juliet advised that work started today on the first 1/2 km of the 1 km path through Great Ridings Wood. The hope is that this path could be used by school children who are not able to use the bus.

West Horsley PC – no update

Youth Council – no update

Churches – St Martins. RH had a meeting with Martin from Zero who put together a 5-point plan for sustainability, some of which had already been undertaken. He was impressed with the work they

had already carried out. St Mary's. There is a Bat Watch on 14th August. All Saints. They are visiting West End church to investigate under pew heating which would mean they could dispense with their boiler. Evangelical Church. Roy reported that they were trying to upgrade their Lovelace era church to be more sustainable. This is proving difficult, but they are now looking at Solar and double glazing for the hall.

Repair Café – Repair Cafe. This month's Cafe saw the 250th item mended in just one year. The 250th repair was brain surgery reattaching a toy rabbit's head. The rabbit's owner was gifted a box of chocolates Evangelical Church.

Plant Passion - CB has done several church flower workshops and has been asked to be involved in the Flower Festival next year. Also, a local care home has asked about sustainable flowers.

Friends of Horsley Library – MB has spoken to Zoe Franklin regarding the pill packet recycling problem. ZF is looking into taking this forward.

Zero Carbon Guildford – CW reported there is to be a Sustainable Fashion Week event 27th September-5th October. Zero will be the hub for this. There will be a clothes swap, mending circle, workshop on natural dying of fabrics. CY suggested we promote this at the next RC and will follow this up.

7. AOB.

Claire B sent an Instagram link regarding a new Government Policy putting the onus on Supermarkets to fund and address the recycling problem of supermarket goods.

Claire Brown gave an invitation to her Open Day this Saturday at 4pm.

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 15th September 9.15am Rubin Room, West Horsley Village Hall.