



Minutes of Meeting Monday 19th January 2026 Rubin Room WH Village Hall

Present: Catherine Young (Chair), Carol Wilson, Mel Beynon, Chris Janey, Penny Whitlock, Sylvia Taylor, Jane Howard, Pip Davis, Fran King, Claire Bevan, Bob Spackman.

1. Welcome: To Bob Spackman and Fran King.

2. Apologies for Absence: Juliet Robinson, Carole Mattock, Roy Proctor, Sylvia Igglesden, Rachel Holloway, Anna Mitchell, G&F, WHP.

3. Minutes agreed.

Actions Update:

The S106 funding for bus services is not being spent. There has been no response from SCC. Catherine to speak to Dennis Booth.

Action: CY to take this higher

The Joint Litter Pick for Big Green Week has not been taken up by the Parish Councils yet.

Action: CY to follow up

Catherine thanked Penny for sharing St Mary's eco tips.

Social Media

We have been posting on Instagram. Veganuary, Big Bird Watch 23/25th Jan, Clean Air Night 22/1. These have been shared to WHPC, EHPC, Youth Council and Grace & Flavour. 27th February is International Polar Bear Day. We hope to post something aimed at children for this.

We have Instagram, Facebook and WhatsApp accounts and we want to find out which social media (if any) members are using.

At the end of Feb, Mark Blowers will help develop our website!

Catherine, (National and local events) Sylvia Igglesden (Eco Tips) and Jane (Recipes) are hoping to post monthly. G & F would like to collaborate on recipes.

4. Networks Group Update

Library

MB reported that the recycling of make up at the library has increased. Mel would like to see a recycling box in the Chemists. This would have to be funded as it is too expensive for the pharmacist.

Action: MB to draft letter to the Parish Councils

St. Martins

CJ reported the application for solar panels has been submitted. The churchyard wall will be repaired starting 2nd February, taking approx. 3 weeks. Some traffic control will be in place.

St Mary's

The Eco Lifestyle questionnaire needs analysing then it will be shared.

PCC has appointed a dedicated Sustainability person who attends their meetings.

Wildflower planting outside The Wheelhouse is still under discussion.

Action: CY to ask Dennis Booth

Zero Carbon

CW reported she has asked for heat surveys to be carried out on the Churches, but the heat survey team are very busy at present. If anyone would like to train to undertake heat surveys, there is an expenses payment of £25/property surveyed.

Zero has a Podcast. They have a rep feeding info into the Local Plan. The Community fridge and outreach is growing. They have started yoga and life drawing classes.

After the success of the Green Gate at traffic lights, they are investigating Green Walls, maybe using industrial sewing machines.

Action: CW to share what Zero are doing for the Big Green Week.

WI

Pip has purchased a Blue Heart sign with stickers and a 'Daffodils Planted' sign to be placed at the end Feb.

It was decided to purchase 11 more Blue Hearts with Stickers using WHPC reserve funds, which would otherwise be lost at the end of the financial year. Numerous village organisations have asked to have Blue Hearts.

Action: PD to purchase

The Big Plastic Count 9 -15th March.

Action: Pip to give a summary of how it works.

WHPC

The biodiversity projects in hand at present are: - Wildflower planting behind the Youth Council Notice Board and the Orchard and Village Green projects.

Repair Cafe

January was quieter for footfall, but people donated well. All are welcome to come and experience the Repair Cafe as it is a very social and friendly environment.

Methodist Church

Bob reported their solar panels generate 500kw/hr at Summer's peak. This runs the hall, but not the Chapel. The next phase may be to buy a battery. The hall has a recycling table with an honesty box for all types of items. They also collect used stamps.

Ockham Church

The under-pew heating project is awaiting sign off from the PCC. Once the details are finalised Claire will share Contractor details to other interested churches.

5. The Big Green Week 6-14th June.

Catherine has asked Anna Mitchell to be the lead on this. Chris offered to set up a brainstorming session with volunteers - Sylvia T, Carol, maybe Rachel. Pip will look into what the WI is doing for this nationally.

Action: CJ/PD

6. Next Meeting Thursday 5th March, 730pm at the Rubin Room

Then Monday 18th May, 915am at the Rubin Room.

7. AOB

Grace & Flavour have a new Chairperson, Beverley. Catherine will invite her to the March meeting to give an update.

Action: CY

Catherine will write to the Parish Councils to ask what they are doing for The Big Green Week.

Action: CY

Date of next meeting: Thursday 5th March, 730pm, Rubin Room, WHVH

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