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DRAFT MINUTES CLIMATE EMERGENCY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday 19th February 2024 Conference Room Haddenham Village Hall and via Zoom

Present: Cllr. Kidby, Cllr. Thawley, Cllr G Smith, Cllr G Monger, Cllr D Truesdale,

Mr D Proctor (via Zoom) **Deputy Clerk:** Ms E Marsden

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CE24 29 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that Cllr N Kidby be elected as the Vice Chairman of the Climate Emergency Committee.

CE24 30 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr H Garrett and Cllr J Brown.

CE24 31 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

CE24 32 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th October were **RESOLVED** as a true record and signed.

CE24 33 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

CE24 34 REVIEW OF WORKING GROUPS AND MEMBERSHIP

The Committee discussed a review of the working groups to ensure they align with the Parish Council's Business Plan. It was felt that it could be quite difficult for one Councillor to take a lead on one particular area and it was felt it would be better to work as a collective group and Councillors can then take a lead in areas of interest. It was felt that there were local active Climate Emergency groups who are all working on specific projects and it would be a good idea to facilitate a forum where all these groups can be brought together to share ideas and projects. It was **AGREED** to circulate dates where the Working group / forum, could meet prior to the next Climate Emergency Meeting

The Chair gave an update on the EV car club and currently we were no further forward in establishing a new partner to provide car club. The Parish Council were still very much in support of the car club but were unable to provide resources to run it. The Deputy Clerk gave

an update that EV chargers in the Airfield Car park which are waiting for the full land transfer to happen and then to install high power chargers which will cover four bays.

CE24 35 THE FOOD WE EAT AND THE FOOD WE WASTE

Cllr Monger gave an update that he had received, from Bucks Council, data on Haddenham's food waste from the last four years. 34% of the food waste goes to Wescott Plant and of that 34% - 69% is still avoidable food waste. Cllr Monger has been in touch with the Manager from Wescott and is hoping to arrange a tour of the facility.

18th-24th March is Food Awareness week to highlight food wastage and how to reduce it. Coordinating with Bucks Food Busters to maximise promotion through our website and posters.

Cllr Monger has been in touch with local businesses and Bucks Business First who give excellent guidance on how organisations can reduce their carbon footprint. A meeting is scheduled with the Co-op this week and Cllr Monger will report back at the next Committee Meeting.

CE24 36 HOME ENERGY

(i) To receive an update on the Home Energy Survey.

Cllr Kidby gave information on the Home Energy survey. 22 parishioners were happy to exchange ideas and experiences of green technologies. It was **AGREED** to contact these residents for an informal 'coffee and chat' forum to build connections within the community. (ii) Cllr Kidby informed the Committee that we are in discussions with the BCE to hold another Home Energy Show in the Autumn and are in discussions with the Village Hall to see if we could join forces for a joint – 'decarbonisation' Energy Show (as the village hall committee had just finished a huge decarbonisation project)

There is also plans to work with BCE to hold a 'Leaky Homes' in December.

CE24 37 LAND USE

It was **NOTED** that correspondence had been received from Bucks Council to confirm that the land adjacent to St Marys School would not be considered for lease. This was disappointing news as there wasn't any other land locally which could be used for the solar farm project.

CE24 38 HADDENHAM PARISH COUNCIL CLIMATE EMERGENCY PLAN

It was **AGREED** that a review of Haddenham Parish Council's emergency plan was needed. It was important that is aligned with the Council's Business Plan. After lots of discussion it was **AGREED** that the objective of carbon neutral by 2030 was ambitious and may not be achievable. With the solar farm project not looking possible in the near future, it was felt that it would be useful for Haddenham Parish Council to calculate its carbon footprint and then look at ways it can be reduced. To achieve this, it was **AGREED** to speak with external Consultants and Bucks Council to get specialist advice. It was further re-iterated that a forum approach with other likeminded organisations and businesses would be effective way to reduce the overall carbon emissions in Haddenham.

CE24 39 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

None

CE24 40 CORRESPONDENCE AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

The Deputy Clerk had circulated correspondence in relation to NALC National Network Climate Emergency Meeting on the 5th February and two consultations from DLUHC on Building Regulations and DESNZ on Home Energy Model. This was **NOTED.**

CE24 41 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 29th April 2024.

CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

The meeting closed at 21.32

Signed		Date: 29 th April 2024
	Chair	