

Climate & Biodiversity Committee Meeting of Witney Town Council



Tuesday, 9th September, 2025 at 6.00 pm

To members of the Climate & Biodiversity Committee - D Enright, A Bailey, A Mubin, D Newcombe, J Robertshaw, S Simpson, R Smith and J Treloar (and all other Town Councillors for information).

You are hereby summonsed to the above meeting to be held in the **Gallery Room, The Corn Exchange, Witney** for the transaction of the business stated in the agenda below.

Admission to Meetings

All Council meetings are open to the public and press unless otherwise stated.

Numbers of the public will be limited, with priority given to those who have registered to speak on an item on the agenda. Any member of the public wishing to attend the meeting should contact the Committee Clerk derek.mackenzie@witney-tc.gov.uk in advance.

Recording of Meetings

Under the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 the council's public meetings may be recorded, which includes filming, audio-recording as well as photography.

As a matter of courtesy, if you intend to record any part of the proceedings, please let the Deputy Town Clerk or Committee Clerk know before the start of the meeting.

Agenda

1. Apologies for Absence

To consider apologies and reasons for absence.

Committee Members who are unable to attend the meeting should notify the Committee Clerk derek.mackenzie@witney-tc.gov.uk **prior** to the meeting, stating the reason for absence.

Standing Order 8(e)(v) permits the appointment of substitute Councillors to a Committee whose role is to replace ordinary Councillors at a meeting of a Committee if ordinary Councillors of the Committee have confirmed to the Proper Officer **before** the meeting that they are unable to attend.

2. Declarations of Interest

Members are reminded to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests in any of the items under consideration at this meeting in accordance with the Town Council's code of conduct.

3. Minutes (Pages 4 - 7)

To receive and consider the minutes of the Climate & Biodiversity Committee held on 20 May 2025;

Matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda (Questions on the progress on any item).

4. **Public Participation**

The meeting will adjourn for this item.

Members of the public may speak for a maximum of five minutes each during the period of public participation, in line with Standing Order 25. Matters raised shall relate to the following items on the agenda.

5. **Finance Report** (Pages 8 - 13)

To receive and consider the report of the R.F.O concerning the financial position of items under the remit of this Committee.

6. **Annual Residents Survey Results** (Pages 14 - 17)

To receive and consider the report of the Deputy Town Clerk concerning the results of the 2025/26 annual residents satisfaction survey for this Committee.

7. **Climate Action Working Party Minutes** (Pages 18 - 21)

To receive the minutes of the Climate Action Working Party meeting held on 22 July 2025 and consider the recommendations contained therein.

8. **Road Verge Nature Reserves and Circular Walking Route for Witney** (Pages 22 - 33)

To consider a request from a resident for Road Verge Nature Reserves and a circular walking route for Witney.

9. **Biodiversity Update** (Pages 34 - 36)

To receive and consider the report of the Biodiversity & Green Spaces Officer.

10. **Lake & Country Park Report** (Pages 37 - 59)

To receive and consider the report of the Biodiversity & Green Spaces Officer.

11. **Carbon Footprint Report - Witney Civil Parish** (Pages 60 - 83)

To receive and consider the report of the Compliance & Environment Officer.

12. **Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan** (Pages 84 - 117)

To receive and consider the report of the Compliance & Environment Officer.

13. **West Witney Projects - Energy Efficiency Measures** (Pages 118 - 120)

To receive and consider the report of the Compliance & Environment Officer.

14. **Power For People - Community Energy** (Pages 121 - 123)

To receive correspondence from the Power for People Campaign.



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