

**MINUTES OF THE CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2023, 6.45PM, AT ST MARK'S CHURCH, 13 ST MARK'S CRESCENT, KINGSTHORPE, NN2 8EG**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs, Steve Miller, Sam Kilby-Shaw, Eluned Lewis-Nichol, Titus Ajayi

**ALSO PRESENT:** Alison Barnes (Parish Clerk) Jon Cornwell (resident)

**ABSENT:** Cllr Elaine Miller

**11/23 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllrs E Miller. Proposed by Cllr S Miller, seconded by Cllr Kilby-Shaw and unanimously agreed these be accepted

**12/23 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION**

None declared

**13/23 MINUTES**

It was proposed by Cllr Miller, seconded by Cllr Kilby-Shaw, and resolved by 3 votes for and 1 abstention by Cllr Ajayi, that these be accepted as a true and correct record of the proceedings of the meeting held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023, subject to the following amendment:

*3.4 Council writes to NTC Climate Change Forum to ask if they would order diffusion tubes for us when they put in their order*

**14/23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION**

It was proposed by Cllr Miller, seconded by Cllr Kilby-Shaw, and unanimously resolved to suspend Standing Orders, to allow a resident, Mr Jon Cornwell to raise a question regarding planting more trees in the Parish, in the interest of improving air quality and absorbing CO2 in the fight against climate change

14.1 Matters arising – For the consideration of a tree orchard in one of the parish parks.

The Clerk to re-publish the Queens Canopy initiative on Facebook and to write to Kingsthorpe Grove school to see if they would be interested in adopting 5 trees

**15/23 AIR QUALITY**

Cllr Lewis-Nicol gave a verbal report. It was proposed by Cllr Kilby-Shaw, seconded by Cllr Ajayi, and unanimously resolved that the Clerk writes to West Northamptonshire Council to express deep concern about the levels of air pollution in the parish and to ask what plans West Northants Council is putting in place to reduce them and in consultation with residents to contribute to raising public awareness of the issue

**16/23 WALK/CYCLE TO SCHOOL**

Seven schools in the Parish had been invited to take part in the event. Cllr Lewis-Nicol to contact Kingsthorpe College

**17/23 KINGSTHORPE IN BLOOM**

Cllr Lewis-Nicol gave a verbal report regarding Walthamstow Village in Bloom, for its planting to combat urban pollution. The Committee to work in consultation with the Events Working Group

**18/23 NTC CLIMATE CHANGE FORUM FEEDBACK**

Following on from the attendance by Cllr Lewis-Nicol, at the meeting of NTC Climate Change Forum on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023, members noted the report

**19/23 DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING**

To note as Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2023, 6.45pm at St Mark's Church, Kingsthorpe

The meeting closed at 7.57pm

**Signed:**  
**Chair:**

**Date:**