



## **Minutes of the Environment Committee**

**13<sup>th</sup> November 2025. Wembury Village Hall.**

### **1. Opening of the Meeting**

The meeting was opened at 19:00

### **2. Present**

Cllr Gibbard (Chair), Cllr Coumbe, Dan Stewart, Anne Towill (Clerk)

### **3. Apologies**

Cllr Stansell

### **4. Current Wembury Parish Council Environmental Policy**

There was a discussion around the purpose of the policy and how it impacts on council decisions. It was felt that there were ways it could be improved to ensure a consistent approach to certain aspects, such as planning applications, planning breaches, interactions with outside agencies around issues such as sewage discharge etc. The policy will be looked at in stages to establish changes/additions that could be put in place within the policy.

### **5. Group Focus**

There was a discussion about what the group could focus on achieving, facilitating and supporting within its remit and Terms of Reference. Issues such as biodiversity and supporting wildlife, air/soil/water issue and quality, climate change, influencing the Neighbourhood Plan, planning and the built environment, run off water and similar issues were all suggested. It was decided that the focus for the next year would be two main issues.

**RESOLVED: To focus on two main issues for the next year**

**a. Water quality of all water courses and beaches and bathing status of beaches**

**b. Increasing insect diversity which will then support other wildlife.**

### **6. Engagement and Community**

This was recognised as very important, and it was widely felt that the more the committee could support and encourage the wider community to take small steps, the more powerful the actions would be. A review of how the community could be engaged will be looked at. Ideas such as building hedgehog houses, insect homes and bird boxes were talked about as possible community events.

### **7. Other Organisations**

Knowing what other organisations are taking action on and focusing on was felt to be beneficial. It could be that the committee could collate information to reduce duplication and make the most of the expertise and skills that are out

there. A diary of events organised by other organisations would also be beneficial so that could be shared to the community in an easy to read and access format.

**8. Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Environment Group will be held the week beginning the 2<sup>nd</sup> of February. Date to be confirmed once hall availability is known.

**9. Close of Meeting**

The meeting was closed at 20:18



Anne Towill  
Clerk to the Council

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