

Dunsford Climate Initiative minutes of meeting

Meeting at Dressing Rooms, Dunsford, 7.15pm 21st March 2024.

Present – Cllr Paul French, Cllr Alison Arnold, Cllr Rebecca Squire, Ruth Stevens, Pip Hayes.

1. **Apologies** – Danny McGahey, Julia Kirkland, Cllr Smith.

10. Wildlife Warden activities - This item was brought forward as Pip Hayes had to leave the meeting early. Pip Hayes reported Wildlife Wardens are engaged in many activities and surveys. New traffic light system for dog walkers seems to be a good idea and working well.

2. **Minutes of the last DCI meeting** – agreed and signed.

3. Review of actions. See below.

4. B3212 path – Nothing further at present.

5. The other “path” – Paul has made an approach but no decision yet.

6. Stepping Stones – Nothing further at present.

7. Beating the bounds. Ruth Stevens reported this is moving on positively. An advertisement will be in the April parish magazine along with posters for noticeboards. A team has been organised to support. The walk will be about 10km. Cllr French suggested liaising the weekend before to co-ordinate refreshments.

8. River Teign initiative – Cllr French and Danny McGahey are pursuing and will keep DCI updated when possible.

9. Matters arising – Council Biodiversity Plan – This is to be completed by Julia Kirkland and Cllr Arnold.

10. See above.

11. Cllr Arnold suggested May magazine article should include ‘No Mow May’ and news of the Biodiversity plan.

12. Matters arising – Street lights. Discussion followed as Cllr Arnold had been approached about how bright and how long the street lights are on for. Concern for effect on wildlife. It was agreed this should be taken to full council. Cllr Squire reported that the school is in agreement to be part of the local Climate Festival and she is working with other volunteers to make a Tree of Wishes to be included.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Thursday 16th May, 7.15pm, venue TBC.

Signed.

Paul French Lead Councillor DCI

Date.