

WICKHAM MARKET PARISH COUNCIL

Climate Change Working Group

MINUTES

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Wednesday 18th March 2026 The George

CC Chair – Gemma Dempsey-Gray

1. Agree Minute taker: Offer from Cllr Chenery accepted.
2. **Those Present:** Cllr Chenery (DC), Mike Hynes, Jennie Greenhalgh, Pauline Huggins, Sonya Exton

Apologies: Gemma, Arthur Stansfield

3. **Finance Matters**

Jennie to ask AI if ok to spend monies on small litter picking items plus £250 to donate to Deben Climate for river testing.

4. **Cans**

Pauline referred the group to everycancounts.co.uk. A recycled can could be back on the shop shelf withing 60 days. There is a company that collects crushed cans and pays you. Pauline to investigate costs for a pneumatic can crusher

5. **Next litter event**

Saturday 11th April will see an event in the village featuring Jason Alexander. The event will be for families and children involving can art, a can wildlife area/bug hotel and a treasure hunt. We await feedback from the library to host a Womble station (litter pickers and bags for general use). The 11th April event will need assistance from this group. Sonya may provide a biodiversity stall for the event. The 11th April will coincide with the British Legion's centenary events.

6. **Community Energy Project**

David referred to his note of 14th Feb after attending a Deben Climate Centre presentation. There is a desire to show the film Powerstation in The George to test local interest. Sonya to investigate projection capabilities at The George and hiring the film.

7. **New members**

The group would welcome new members to share the variety of climate initiatives. We agreed to use the feedback spreadsheet from the litter presentation as several people registered their interest in supporting climate initiatives. We could then hold a get together in The George. This will need organising. Sonya to share her school's climate change feedback.

8. **Date of next meeting**

Wednesday 25th March 6.30pm at The George to plan the 11th April event etc.