



Needham Market Town Council
Climate Awareness Group
MINUTES: Tuesday 21 January 2025
7pm, Green Room

Present	Amanda Reardon (Chair); John Reardon; Martin O'Shea; Jo Hughes; Ross Piper, Jean Pittaway, Richard Pittaway, Andy France, Nicola Booth, Mark Dimes, John Matthissen
Apologies	N/A
Minutes of last meeting	Minutes for 12.11.2024 agreed.
Middle School Field	No quote yet for the benches Amanda to chase quotes
Community Orchard	The IBC is empty, and the pipe will be installed by the end of March or in time for the hedge planting. Trees approved by Town Council for Crowley Park. Town Council agreed to the hedging at the orchard but not the trees, this is due to the consultation still being in progress as they need to consider what may happen in the future. Richard Parmee from the council will do a survey of both sites and indicates that our request for free hedging and trees is likely to be agreed. The hedgerow may need additional protection initially so wire can be used to protect until established. If we mark out the holes and then the children from Bosmere can be involved with planting. John M to enquire about using a specific tool for planting the hedgerow. Planting dates- 8/3 or 15/3 please let Amanda know if you are available on either of these days. Amanda to contact Bosmere Primary School to invite the children along. Ross to sort fencing and posts to protect the saplings - 40 m.
True Pruning	Mark has trimmed the trees and is hoping for some more information on specific pruning in the next few weeks. Two trees have been snapped in half, all still alive at present. Posts have also been wilfully snapped.
Accessible signage	Jo looked at accessible signage and we want something more bespoke. Jo to look into bespoke signage with braille and QR code which links to BSL video.
Meadow Management	Andy discussed that Richard Parmee has had funding approved for scarifying and overseeding the meadow managed area in Pinecroft Way. There may be some issues due to planned work and part of the ground being used as a compound.
Newsletter Ideas	Renewable energy Solar panels- Andy Saving energy and saving money- Martin Upcycling Refill shops – Amanda Plants to attract wildlife - Ross Nature- Ross Recycle bin- John R Transport Food wastage- Jo Cedar trees and preservation

	People to write for next meeting if possible.
Budget	The yearly budget of £2500 has been approved.
Thermal camera	7 properties will be done with the thermal camera (Amanda, John, Jean and Richard). Andy to test the instructions for the thermal camera. Email the clerk to borrow the thermal camera.
AOB	• Martin sent the information Ross shared regarding the nature corridors. Terry Lawrence has suggested that if there were to be changes to the settlement boundary, we should consider how the green corridors could be linked within the extension in order to save them from being cut off by development. • Due to the commitment from the government for housing, the MSDC Local Plan needs to be rewritten to meet new targets. Needham Market will have to change their development plan too. • CAG group to feed into the new development plan. • Balsam bashing, the river gipping trust organise dates for this and CAG will offer to assist. • TPO on cedar trees, a formal application is required. • John M went around Pinecroft estate and saw the flood barricades that some houses have put in. We looked at photos of these.
Next Meeting	Monday 24th February