

Rodington Parish Climate & Nature Steering Group
7.00pm – 9.00pm, Wednesday, 25th February 2026
Longdon on Tern Village Hall
NOTES AND ACTION POINTS

1	Welcome and apologies
	<p>Present: David Brown, Sue Brown, Marian Jolin, Tom Currie, Emyr Peregrine, Tom Hayek, Claire Broderick</p> <p>Apologies: Becca Morris, Pete Morris, Duncan Maidens, Nicola Pacult, Kay Twigger, Simon Rogers, Sue McGavin, Ann Dalton,</p> <p>Sue B chaired as Becca sent her apologies</p>
2	Notes and Action Points of last meeting and matters arising Reported that Sue M and Simon R wanted to stay on mailing list
3	<u>Wildlife and Habitats</u>
	<p>a. WH01 Rodington Community Orchard Sat 28th Workday at Community Orchard at 10.00 – 12. Main task is to do some winter pruning on the fruit trees 14th March workday in calendar for LoT Action DB to post on WhatsApp group Rodington Community Orchard Group</p>
	<p>b. WH02 Hedge planting TH concentrating on James Boffey. Says when been round with him noticed 3 sites that could plant hedges. TH reported that Peter McPhillips is going to help. Peter McPhillips said quite a few of the whips that were planted in 2025 have died. CPRE have agreed to replace the dead ones. Discussed whether should get involved with hedge planting outside Parish area.</p>
	<p>c. WH03 Rivers monitoring (KT/EP) EP has got one set of kit back from KT Been out this week and collected some data. Roden had high levels of phosphate at Ercall Mill. River is flooded at the mill. Nitrate test strips out of date 30 11 2024 and strip colours are the same, EP thinks strips are not working and no longer accurate. Phosphate test tablets out of date 8/25 and only got 9 left. Discussed the costs of replacements. TH suggested asking parish council to fund new strips and then go back to EA after been doing it more regularly. TC will ask Parish Council to fund £200 for new strips and test tablets. TH thinks need more reliable data before have further discussion with EA. EP happy to lead but could do with more people to get involved in it TH will get back in touch with EA when have some more data.</p>

	<p>Action TH will write article for Village Voice about volunteering and include details about what group is doing and what opportunities for volunteering that there is – deadline is end March</p> <p>Action TC will send TH deadline dates</p>
	<p>d WHO4 Winter Pollinator Garden, Longdon on Tern.</p> <p>Action MJ and CB have agreed to check on it and notify group if any action is needed</p>
	<p>Discussed making a sign for garden. MJ going to source a sign from Amazon: Winter Pollinators Garden for the Community, Feb 2025.’ DM will make mount and post. MJ estimated cost will be £20 and Parish Council will fund</p>
4	<u>Waste and Recycling</u>
	<p>a. WR02 Borrow, Swap & Give (DM)</p> <p>TH suggested that if see any ‘Borrow, Swap & Give’ activity on Rodington Facebook Page then redirect to ‘Borrow, Swap and Give’ page.</p>
	<p>b. WR03 Litter picking (RM)</p> <p>Litter picking on Sunday 22nd March, 2 - 4pm.</p> <p>Action: DB to do poster</p> <p>Meet at RVH and LoT volunteers at Tayleur car park</p>
5	<u>Energy and Carbon</u>
	<p>a. Rodington & Longdon Village Hall renewable energy (TC)</p>
	<p>TC discussed plans for solar panels for RVH</p> <p>TH suggest if RVH goes ahead will be opportunity to have an event for home owners about solar panels, batteries, grants and sustainable house initiatives.</p>
6	<u>Access and Transport</u>
7	<u>Talks schedule (RM)</u>
	<p>AGM at 6 followed by Swift Talk at 7pm. TC raised in AOB that there was a Clash with RVH Quiz Night on 24/3. Suggested that move the AGM and Swift Talk to Wednesday 25th at RVH</p> <p>Action: SB to contact RM re clash.</p> <p>(Update – RM discussing with Swift lady possible new date – will circulate when agreed.</p> <p>Poster already done and was posted on FB page on 11 2. – DB will email new poster to TC to publicise when date sorted).</p> <p>TC and TH have met John the Owl Man. Found a good site in Rodington. John was looking for specific tree and found good site with lot of very suitable habit and tree is just inside Rodington Parish boundary.</p>

	<p>Action TC and TH are going to contact Peter McPhillips and James Boffey to discuss finding suitable sites in Longdon The Parish Council has agreed to pay for two owl boxes - £200 each.</p>
8	<u>Pride Fund (TC/TH)</u>
	<p>Discussed that would be appropriate for Parish Council to apply to Pride Fund for more owl boxes. The Parish Council has agreed to apply to Pride Fund to fund wildflower meadow in LoT opposite Tern Lane Discussed email from Adrian Corney (T&W Environment and Neighbourhood Team Leader) about looking at meadows. He has agreed to a joint visit with Nigel Murray (Grounds and Cleansing Officer) to look at possible meadow areas in the Parish. Would be tactical to not mention that Parish Council agreed to apply to Pride Fund for the meadow. RM had asked why T&W did not cut the meadow in August. Adrian Corney says that it takes them two months to cut and collect grass from meadows etc across T&W and they cannot guarantee to cut the Rodington meadow in August. TH suggested that we challenge the way they organize their cutting schedule.</p>
9	<u>AOB</u>
10	Date of next meeting – Wednesday 25th March at 6pm at RVH Followed by AGM with talk about swifts.