BLANDFORD FORUM
TOWN COUNCIL

Climate, Biodiversity & Nature Working Group Meeting

Wednesday 4th March 2026 at 7pm

Held online via Teams

NOTES

In Attendance

Cllr Y Miéville (chair)
Cllr H Miéville
Janet Tyson
Cllr Cllr G Del-Pinto
Cllr T Clarkson
Becci Brady

1. **Apologies**

   Cllr M Putt

2. **Update from Blandford War on Waste/Clean up Blandford**

   Litter picking will commence on 21st March and will be focused on particular areas. The Green party have asked where we would like them to carry out a litter pick, Yvonne has suggested they concentrate on the Persimmon Estate.

   They will have a table at the Community Expo in the Corn Exchange on 14th March.

   Yvonne has had a meeting with the chair of the Allotment Society. They are going to look at a possible community allotment to provide produce for the Community Fridge, it is a conversation that needs to be expanded, and Yvonne will look into this further in the coming weeks.

3. **Update from Blandford + NP group**

   A meeting was held on 26th January 2026 which touched on the new National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) regarding Climate change, more information to come.

4. **Opportunities to promote various events happening nationally (Nicci Brown)**

   Nicci was absent from the meeting so we will re-visit this this at the next meeting. Yvonne suggested we look at the ‘ The Big Plastic Count’.

5. **Any other updates**

   Cllr Gail Del-Pinto met with Joe Hashman who puts together a charitable group named ‘Making Shaftesbury an Orchard Town’ who wants to try to get more trees planted across Shaftesbury with a view to have trees that are easily kept up with little work required. Gail will meet Neil Walker and Lisa Hausner from Sherborne on 26th March who is looking at re-wilding Sherborne. Gail will send us a report on her meetings.

6. **To agree next steps**

   Yvonne and Gail to meet in Sherborne to discuss the re-wilding project.
   Yvonne will meet with the chair of the allotment society

7. **Date of next meeting**

   The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 29th April 2026 at 7.00pm on Teams.