

Lowestoft Town Council
Climate and Ecological Emergency Committee
Hamilton House, Battery Green Road, Lowestoft, NR32 1DE
Monday 15 September 2025 15:30 PM

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Wendy Brooks, Paul Page (Chair), Graham Parker and Deborah Ray (Deputy Chair). Non-Councillor member Cathy Williams

In attendance: Taylor Williams (Committee Clerk and Planning Assistant)

50 Welcome

The fire evacuation procedure and public right to report was explained and the meeting was welcomed.

51 To receive and consider approval of apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs John Murray and John Pitts with reasons provided. Cllr Parker proposed approval; seconded by Cllr Brooks; all in favour.
Cllr Neil Coleby and non-Councillor member Rachel Bunn were absent with no apologies received.

52 Declarations of interests and dispensations

- 52.1 To receive declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary, Other Registerable and Non-Registerable Interests from Councillors on items on the agenda – Cllr Parker declared he was a member of East Suffolk Council (ESC), was part of their Resilience Group and, in relation to item 58.1, noted ESC was responsible for litter picking in the area.
- 52.2 To consider written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests and note dispensations granted – No written requests for dispensations had been received.

53 To consider the draft minutes of the meeting on 18 August 2025

Cllr Page proposed approval of the draft minutes; seconded by Cllr Parker; all in favour.

54 Public Forum

An opportunity for the public to make comments on any matters on this agenda, and to consider any advance comments from the public – No advance comments had been received and no members of the public were in attendance.

55 Finance and Budget

- 55.1 To monitor expenditure by this Committee from the Climate Emergency budget, under delegated authority – The expenditure was reviewed.

56 To consider applications to be a Non-Councillor member of this Committee and make recommendations to Full Council

Cllr Brooks proposed a recommendation be made to Full Council to approval all three applications; seconded by Cllr Parker; all in favour.

57 To consider the following in relation to the natural environment in Lowestoft's parks and open spaces and relevant actions:

- 57.1 Discuss the changing coastline and coastal erosion – Cllr Pitts had requested this item but as he was not in attendance it was requested the item be deferred to the next agenda.
- 57.2 To receive an update on actions taken to assist with the improvements of the town's flood barrier – The Committee received an update on the actions completed and responses received from the relevant authorities. Associated British Ports had been contacted and agreed to a meeting to discuss the history of the flood barrier project, their role and perspective, and how

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to move forward. Cllr Page proposed a meeting be arranged with Associated British Ports on Tuesday 23 September 11:00, with all Councillors invited to attend; seconded by Cllr Ray; all in favour.

58 To consider avenues of community engagement and relevant actions:

- 58.1 Discuss dates for the next litter pick – The Committee suggested the litter pick be held during the October half-term and it was requested officers check if the Town Council's insurance allowed children to be involved in the event.

Cllr Brooks proposed the litter pick be scheduled for Wednesday 29 October, beginning at 10:00 at the Roman Hill School and finishing at 12:00; seconded by Cllr Ray. It was requested leaflets be arranged again and the Councillors offered to drop the leaflets at the surrounding houses. Officers requested the specific roads to cover and start location as this would need to be on the leaflets. Cllr Ray offered to send the details in this week. A vote was held with all in favour.

59 Date of next meeting

Monday 20 October 15:30

60 Items for the next agenda and close

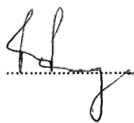
An item was requested to discuss the bulky waste arrangements for 2026/2027 and the potential to expand the service.

An item was requested to review the Planet Positive event.

61 Admission to Meetings

To resolve that under the Public Bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960, the public be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, namely any employment matters and legal issues relating to the matters on this agenda – There were no resolutions.

The Chair closed the meeting at 16:14


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Signed:

20 October 2025