

Dunsford Climate Initiative minutes of meeting

Meeting at Dressing Rooms, Dunsford, 7.15pm 22nd June 2026.

Present – Cllr Paul French, Cllr Alison Arnold, Cllr Rebecca Squire, Ruth Stevens, Julia Kirkland and Danny McGahey.

1. **Apologies** – Julia Balfour.
2. **Minutes of the last DCI meeting and review of Terms of Reference** – The minutes were agreed and signed.

It was agreed reviewing the Terms of Reference was a useful exercise and has made us look at our root missions. Ideas included; thermal camera surveys, transport sharing re-run, and a Repair Café for consumables. These are all areas DCI will work on. Paul to ask how Christow did their Repair Café a few years ago. Teign Valley Facilitation Fund discussed and another Energy Safari.

3. Review of actions from previous meeting. See below.
4. B3212 path – Paul reported that a gravel path will not need planning permission. Written permission from each resident is required. Highways has also requested a CCTV survey of the drainage. Action points – Paul to ask Charles about legal points, Clerk to ask Ines about survey and Danny to ask AJ about quotes for works.
5. The other “path” – Nothing more at present.
Stepping Stones – Paul has spoken to Pete Rich the ranger and he confirmed DCC will pay and they have a contractor ready. Project is delayed because of the Environmental Agency and the close proximity of the project to a SSI.
6. Friends of the River Teign – Paul has sent all collated information to Rupert in Doddiscombsleigh who is now looking after the Teign at the top of the valley.
7. Dark Skies – Nothing more at present.
8. Wildlife Wardens activities – Julia reported there are Night Jars in Dunsford. Swifts around (perhaps not as many as previous years,) not in boxes yet but flying near.

Himalayan Balsam is rampant in the area, it was agreed to think ahead next year when bringing this to the attention of the community.

9. Village Green Trees – Native trees are being kept back for use by Woodland Trust with tree guards.
10. Orchard Flowers – Flowers are up and becoming established.
11. August Parish Magazine - Ali to write piece on Car Sharing Champions.
12. Meeting closed 8.20pm

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - September date TBC.

Signed.

Paul French Lead Councillor DCI

Date.