

Shapwick Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on 18th June 2025 at 10.00 at Kent Drove, Shapwick.

Present: Graham Croucher, Wendy Anderson, Roger Scott

Also present: Two Project Managers from Wessex Water & Eight Villagers

Apologies for Absence: Lesley Gaskell, Tracey Lockyer

Declaration of Interests on Agenda Items. There were no declarations of interest.

Villagers Open Period

The Project Managers explained amongst many things:-

Sited on more than 25 hectares of land owned by ourselves – and adjacent to the Hawk and Owl Trust's existing nature reserve just north of Shapwick, between Bridgwater and Glastonbury – the two-part site would see the creation of an Integrated Constructed Wetland and a new grassland site.

The Integrated Constructed Wetland will aim to reduce the concentration and impact of nutrients in agricultural run-off, the flow of which would travel through the wetland system, using natural physical and biological processes to treat and improve the water quality.

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From a practical point once the constructions vehicles have entered the site they will not need to leave to until the project has been finished as the spoil from the excavations will be used to create the adjoining wild flower area.

The project managers explained that the project would neither increase or reduce flood risk to local properties.

Various other residents questions were answered by the project managers

The meeting was closed at 11:00pm and a "No Comment" has been recorded on the Somerset Planning portal

BELOW THE LINE

Interested residents are encouraged to visit following link <https://corporate.wessexwater.co.uk/our-purpose/increased-biodiversity/somerset-levels-and-moors-wetland>

for easy access has been posted into the header of the Owl & Hawk page on the Shapwick Village website under "Our Village"