

## **Bayston Hill Parish Council Chairman's Report for Full Council 01.11.2021**

Since the last meeting I have attended two virtual training sessions, one with SALC, Sustainability and Climate Change – Adaption Measures for Your Council and one with NALC, Levelling up the environment through Biodiversity Net Gain. Both have come at an opportune moment and have provided some great thoughts and ideas to be considered by the Carbon Neutral Working Party. The Training with SALC was provided by Mike Deegan and helped to crystalise some of the areas that the working Party will need to consider. The NALC seminar contained two short talks and a Q&A session. One talk was given by Ed Gemmell, MD of Scientists Warning Europe and a member of Hazelmere Parish Council and Professor Dave Goulson from the University of Sussex. Ed Gemmel shared the sort of things that his Parish has been doing, some good ideas and Professor Goulson talked around the decline in the insect population, the impact this has on the food chain and what we can do to help stop the decline.

To date we have five volunteers for the Carbon Neutral Working Party, there are three more people considering to join and I am hoping to widen the search by placing an appeal in the villager for November. We seem to have some real momentum which is great and we can hopefully tap in to this going forward.

I had a follow up get together with the Bayston Hill Great Big Green Week Event Group and there is a clear appetite to repeat the event next year also there was a strong feeling that we should have some ongoing activities through the year such as more litter picking events, No Mow May to continue the engagement with the residents. I am hoping to arrange for the climate themed films to be shown in Christ Church mid-week sometime in November open to the village.

On Friday 29 October I attended a meeting with Shropshire Highways together with the Clerk, Councillors and members of the community to discuss our concerns regarding speeding in relation to the school and Lyth Hill.