

SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

PURPOSE

The Parish Council acknowledges the threat of climate emergency and is committed to making the principles of sustainability fundamental to its proceedings to promote long-term resilience and well-being in our Community.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all the powers and duties of the Parish Council undertaken according to law, which include the power to act, represent the community, improve quality of life and the local environment. The Parish Council can influence other decision makers, specifically for some aspects of planning, and deliver services which meet local needs.

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to treat our Environment with the utmost respect and, in all our decisions, consider their potential impact on it to nurture a climate-friendly and sustainable Parish.

OUR OBJECTIVES

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

The Parish Council endeavour to minimise our own environmental impact and protect biodiversity, show consideration to natural resources and reduce pollution where possible.

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

The Parish Council will encourage residents to be informed and to take actions to promote the well-being and sustainability of our Community present and future.

ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY

The Parish Council will engage in activities which at minimum will do no harm to natural resources or our environment.

PARISH COUNCIL ACTIONS AND DECISION MAKING

The Parish Council aims to make continuous improvements on our sustainability journey

Energy

Throughout the design and build stages of the refurbishment work and extension to the Village Hall we opted for the most sustainable solutions that delivered the smallest carbon footprint. These include

- installation of an air source heat pump
- installation of solar panels (expected to provide all electricity needed on site)
- battery storage
- full insulation of the existing building and new pavilion; all outside walls have been clad and insulated, the roof has been overclad and insulated
- LED lights to be installed to replace existing less efficient systems

Waste

Minimise waste, promote re-use, repair and recycle.

Environment

Any planning applications will be considered for their impact on the sustainability and biodiversity of the Parish

Community Engagement

We own and manage a number of small pieces of public land which we plant and maintain for public amenity with some 1000 mature trees managed for the benefit of the environment as well as the benefit of the Community.

MONITORING

We will measure and track our use of energy, water, consumables, CO2 emissions etc to inform and improve.

REVIEW

We will review this Sustainability Policy each year and update as required.

REVIEW DATE: January 2027