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## **Climate Change Policy**

### **Background**

Climate change is one of the greatest challenges facing the world today. Moulton Parish Council announced a climate emergency on 2nd November 2021 and has agreed a raft of measures aimed at tackling the issue locally.

The Council has formally agreed the following resolution: -

This Council notes that climate change is one of the biggest challenges facing our world and recognises that we need to protect our local area, one of natural beauty and heritage and secure a sustainable, healthy and prosperous environment for current and future generations to continue to enjoy.

In recognising this, and to lead the way with positive action, this Council resolves to: -

- Adopt a Climate Change Strategy – setting out an action plan and targets to reduce carbon emissions
- To explore achievable changes and activities that can be adopted by the residents of the parish to reduce and minimise their impact
- Promote and embed sustainable and energy efficient practices throughout our organisation
- Embed the principles of “Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Rethink” throughout our organisation
- Consider ways to protect and enhance our natural environment, stimulate biodiversity and nurture our wildlife and pollinators
- Organise community action events and work with our partners, businesses and schools, communities, residents and other Councils to promote behavioural change and develop new ideas and co-ordinated responses to climate change and plastic pollution
- Explore new opportunities and technologies to reduce our carbon footprint
- Provide for a working group to report and monitor on immediate and longer term actions to be taken
- Set objectives, targets and measures to achieve our policies to support the national 2030 Zero Carbon emission targets.

## **Administrative**

The Climate Change Committee will be responsible for initially reviewing this document. The Parish Council will as of next financial year 2022/2023 include a budget heading specifically to help fund climate change projects and initiatives. The Climate Change Committee will regularly report to Full Council on their activities relating to climate change.

## **Objectives**

The objectives of this policy are to: -

- Facilitate the reduction of energy consumption throughout the Parish, and identify steps which can be taken to reduce CO2 emissions
- Assist in improving the natural environment within the Parish
- Provide advice to residents on how they can reduce their carbon footprint
- The Council will maintain an appendix to this report which will show the way these objectives will be achieved.

## **Organisation Structure**

### The Parish

The amount of work represented by the above will be far more than the Parish Council is able to do on its own, so ideally, we would call upon volunteers from the parish to take ownership of the various projects and report back/seek assistance where applicable.

### Local Authorities

There may be opportunities to link projects and discuss ideas with other local authorities (West Northamptonshire Council and adjoining Parish Councils).

### Actions for Individuals

All householders could carry out a domestic audit to identify ways to reduce emissions, save energy, and assess impact on the environment of their vehicles. The Parish Council will have a page on the website which will give advice on how to reduce energy usage/calculate carbon footprint etc. The page will also include information on grants, for example the Energy Saving Trust that individuals can apply for.

**This policy is reviewed annually by the Executive Officer and submitted to the full council for approval.**

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