



Environmental Policy

REVISION DATE

December 2019

REPLACES POLICY

New Policy

POLICY AIM

The aim of this policy is to demonstrate how Goostrey Parish Council will support the long-term environmental, cultural, and economic health and vitality of the Parish, and will promote a community that is vibrant, safe, healthy and inclusive.

POLICY STATEMENT

As a Parish Council:

- We are committed to continually improving environmental performance and prevent pollution.
- We will use resources efficiently and take appropriate opportunities to minimise waste through re-use and recycling.
- We will develop environmental action plans with achievable and realistic targets which will be monitored and reviewed periodically.

In its administration and activities Goostrey Parish Council will seek to:

- Protect the environment by encouraging reducing, reusing, and recycling within our community, to save money, energy, and natural resources.
- Protect and enhance the special landscape quality of the Parish and access to the countryside;
- Protect the character, identity, and rural setting of the village;
- Enhance the quality of the built environment and heritage features;
- Protect and enhance biodiversity including habitats and protected species;
- Protect valued green spaces within the village, including the Bog Bean, and recreation areas including sports and children's play facilities;
- Protect and enhance village services and local employment opportunities;
- Enhance safety for all road users including pedestrians.

In addition, the Parish Council will:

- Seek to conserve resources where practicable;
- Aim to reduce soil, water, air, light, and noise pollution, littering and fly-tipping;
- Promote non-motorised transport;
- Raise the profile of environmental issues, within the Parish and Borough
- Encourage volunteering and engage residents in environmental projects and issues;
- Enlist public engagement to report environmental issues;
- Review planning policies and proposals affecting the Parish and their likely environmental impacts and respond as appropriate;
- Engage with local environmental agencies, councils, and planning authorities;
- Maintain an Environment Working Group to monitor implementation of this policy and bring forward environmental initiatives.

IMPLEMENTATION

The Environment Working Group and Parish Clerk

MONITORING

The policy will be monitored by the Environment Working Group.

POLICY APPROVAL

Council Minute 12.18.15 Environmental Policy – To review and approve the draft policy.

POLICY REVIEW DUE

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