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## Climate Change Policy

### 1. Purpose and Scope

Moulton Parish Council declared a climate emergency on 2nd November 2021 and has agreed a raft of measures aimed at tackling the issue locally.

The council 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.

## VISION STATEMENT

Moulton Parish Council will work to improve practices, which have a negative environmental influence, in order to promote sustainable development and reduce damage to the environment.

### 2. Legal Responsibility & Policy Support

[Climate Change Act 2008](#)

[Daventry District Council - Tackling the climate emergency \(daventrydc.gov.uk\)](#)

[Environmental Protection Act 1990](#)

### 3. Administrative

The Climate Change Committee will be responsible for initially reviewing this document. The Climate Change Committee will regularly report to Full Council on their activities relating to climate change.

### 4. 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.

### 5. Organisation Structure

#### The Parish

Moulton Parish Council will concentrate on developing:

- an appreciation of environmental values and the impact of human activity.
- a basic understanding of environmental issues at both local, regional, national and global levels.
- sound environmental practice in managing the home, community, and work environment.
- local community contributions to solving local, or otherwise, environmental issues.

This will be done by:

- ensuring services and resources used will do the least damage to the environment.
- Where possible, replace environmentally inefficient assets with environmentally friendly alternative.
- minimising waste, by recycling and reusing goods/materials and disposing of waste in a responsible manner.
- attempting to reduce energy and water consumption and minimise, pollutants.
- promoting conservation and the sustainable use of both non-renewable and renewable resources.
- Assist in protecting, conserving, and enhancing the built and natural environments.
- provide information on environmental issues and educate employees in sound environmental practices and procedures.

### **Partnership Working**

Partnership working with West Northamptonshire Council and adjoining parish councils will be encouraged.

### **Actions for Individuals**

Moulton Parish Council will have a page on the website which will give advice to householders on how to reduce energy usage/calculate carbon footprint etc.

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

**Last Reviewed: January 2024**

**Review Due: January 2025**