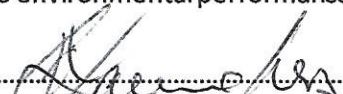


ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Easterton Parish Council is a Parish (2nd tier authority, with Wiltshire Council first tier authority) located in the South West of England. Easterton Parish comprises the communities of Easterton Village, and the hamlets of Eastcott and Easterton Sands situated some 7 miles south of Devizes, between the nearby villages of Market Lavington and Urchfont.

It will apply the following principles in the conduct of its business in order to achieve its commitment to environmental improvement. In addition, Easterton Parish Council is a small landowner and a purchaser of local goods and services and will seek to mitigate the environmental impacts associated with its services and activities.

1. Easterton Parish Council seeks to mitigate the environmental impacts associated with its services, ensuring that, as a minimum, it conforms to all applicable laws, regulations, codes of practice and corporate standards
2. We will develop and share awareness of the issues and, where appropriate, consult acknowledged experts/experts within our community and regard environmental considerations as a fundamental priority in the conduct of Council business;
3. The Council is also committed to reducing its carbon footprint, empowering residents for the unavoidable consequences of climate change, pollution prevention and demonstrating continuous improvement.
4. To achieve this, it will focus on the key environmental objectives outlined below. (i) **Waste** – Promote and implement sustainable management practices for waste generated by residents and by the Council, especially to promote composting and investigate the use of food waste for energy consumption through anaerobic digestion (ii) **Transport** – Promote the use of electric vehicles for our residents through the development of provision for an electric charging point, promote car share/walking to Parish meetings, Encourage the use of cycling in the Parish looking to improve and join up cycle routes to link with neighbouring parishes (iii). **Water** – Ensure that sustainable practices are put in place to manage water usage at the burial ground, (iv) **Purchasing and procurement** - Ensure that the principles of sustainable development are integrated into the purchasing and procurement of goods and services, (v) **Biodiversity and natural environment** – Work with key stakeholders on countryside, ecological and environmental issues to support biodiversity and the natural environment, encourage consideration of ecological impact in planning applications, property development and alteration, and on property and habitat management (e.g. hedge, tree and verge management); (vi) **Energy** – Work to promote renewable energy capacity within Easterton Parish. (vii) **Spatial & transport planning** – seek to influence the planning system to help deliver a reduction in average carbon emissions per resident, whilst establishing communities that are resilient to the future impacts of climate change. (VIII). **Communicating environmental issues** – Raise awareness of environmental issues amongst staff, Parish Councillors and our Parishioners through the provision of information and training, seeking to hold an environmental open day once per year.
5. In order to achieve these environmental objectives, the Council will produce a statement of the Council's environmental performance at regular intervals, but at least annually.

Signed  Chairman Date06/12/2021.....

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