

CARBON NEUTRAL POLICY

<u>Purpose</u>

Northway Parish Council has agreed that it is not practical to declare a climate emergency by 2030 but instead agreed that it would take the risk of climate change seriously, including how it cares for its assets.

Ways in which the Council will aim to try and reduce its carbon footprint

- Switch to a renewal energy supplies at next and ongoing renewals.
- > Reduce waste and recycle what is possible.
- > When awarding contracts for goods or services prioritise locally sourced
- > Seek to review contractors' carbon neural policies, where practical.
- > Use environmentally friendly cleaning products where possible and practical.
- > Promote carbon neutral ideas through the newsletter and website.
- > Consider planting wildflowers and meadows where possible.
- > Explore natural methods as a replacement for weed killers.
- > Continue to plant trees as appropriate.
- > Continue to install bird and insect boxes.
- > Install bike racks to encourage less car usage at Council Assets.
- > Consider using the hub as a collection point to aid recycling.
- When making decisions at Council and Committees meetings, consideration should be given to the impact of these decisions on climate change and the Council will do what it can to reduce its carbon footprint where reasonably possible.