



# EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

## ENVIRONMENT/ CLIMATE ACTION POLICY

**Introduction** This is an aspirational policy. It is recognised that we have a long way to go and that, indeed, the task will never be finished. This document maps the way forward and will be amended as per item 2 below. It defines a marathon, not a sprint.

East Goscote Parish Council recognises its operations and activities on its premises and within the parish have an impact on the environment. It has responsibilities to minimise adverse impacts and maximise positive impacts. In all its activities the Parish Council will aim to make a positive contribution to protecting and enhancing the local and global environment and minimising our negative impact, adopting best practice wherever possible.

### **To achieve this East Goscote Parish Council will:**

1. Meet all relevant environmental legislation and regulations
2. Regularly update and improve policies in light of increased understanding and knowledge.
3. Prepare, implement, and monitor environmental action plans for our Pavilion, open spaces, and other assets.
4. Minimise the consumption of all resources used in its operations and consider the lifecycle impact of purchases such as, but not limited to reduce the use of single-use plastic where possible.
5. Minimise waste in EGPC activities. Recycle and reuse waste materials where possible. Dispose of all necessary waste through safe and responsible methods.
6. Minimise energy use and emissions to air. Use renewable energy sources as far as possible. Recommend energy conservation technology where applicable (including insulation, low energy light bulbs, low water use toilets)

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7. Work with and support other parishes and local authorities, especially in our locality, to implement wider scale environmental initiatives.
8. Encourage community-led initiatives where appropriate.
9. Support initiatives that encourage sustainable transport, such as, but not limited to, providing places for cycle parking and recharging points for electric cars.
10. Respect and protect natural resources through conservation and good management.
  - a. Where possible conserve water from buildings and check/protect external taps in winter.
  - b. Encourage users of EGPC owned grounds to enhance biodiversity to encourage wildlife and plant-life where appropriate.
  - c. Cleaning fluids, polishes and glues etc. should be as environmentally least damaging as possible. Bleach and solvents harmful to the environment to be avoided.
11. Where possible use contractors and suppliers who
  - a. have an environmental policy which meets best practice and is updated regularly
  - b. are local, thus minimising transportation and supporting the local economy.
12. Recognise the importance of maintaining and improving biodiversity on the village.
13. Provide suitable training to enable employees to deal with specific areas of environmental control.
14. Ensure emergency procedures are in place for dealing with environmental issues.

Dated November 2022