

SPARSHOLT PARISH COUNCIL

Climate Change Advisory Subcommittee

Terms of Reference

Purpose

To recommend to the Parish Council how it should respond to climate change issues, take forward agreed actions and monitor progress towards agreed targets

Membership

Three Council members will be appointed to the committee by the Full Council and reviewed every year at the Annual General meeting; the subcommittee may co-opt non-Council members if it so wishes, but such co-options will be subject to approval by Full Council at the next Full Council meeting.

Quorum

The quorum will be three councillors (if a member is unable to attend another councillor may be invited).

Powers

The subcommittee cannot make decisions on behalf of the Parish Council. Its prime function is to carry out the detailed analysis and preparation necessary to make recommendations upon which the full Council can base its decisions.

Meetings

The Committee will meet as required, including by video conferencing, and may conduct business on routine matters by email.

Findings, conclusions and recommendations will be reported at the next Parish Council Meeting with Climate Change on the agenda OR at an extraordinary meeting should that be agreed as necessary by the Parish Council Chair.

Functions

To advise Sparsholt Parish Council on environmental matters

To propose ways in which the Parish Council can foster an increased awareness of environmental issues amongst the residents of Sparsholt.

To design and implement a Climate emergency action plan for Sparsholt with actions covering both short term (2 years) and medium term (10 years) that will contribute to local environmental improvements and reduce the village's overall carbon footprint.

To identify ways to help residents be more aware of environmental issues and to help them to take steps to reduce their own carbon footprint wherever possible.

Specifically:

- To recommend options for energy reduction and move to more sustainable energy sources.
- To identify further opportunities for enhancement of the villages natural assets including potential for tree planting and hedgerow improvement to protect and promote biodiversity
- To identify ways to maximise recycling.

To liaise with other local government and other non-governmental environmental organisations.

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