

Policy

Environment and Sustainability Policy

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1. DOCUMENT CONTROL SHEET

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Dissemination:	This policy will be disseminated to all staff and council members and be made available on the parish website
Implementation:	This document will be accessible via the parish council website and is applicable to all staff and council members.
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3. Introduction

a. Billingham Parish Council recognises that it has many roles including:

- i. Consumer of goods and services.
- ii. Educator and opinion leader.
- iii. Public watchdog.
- iv. Provider of services.
- v. Landowner
- vi. Employer

b. Many of the decisions and actions of the Council may affect the environment either directly or indirectly. In recognition of this, the Council will seek to promote the conservation and sustainable use of natural resources and to minimise environmental pollution in all its own activities and through its influence over others.

4. Aims

a. In all its activities the Parish Council will aim to:

- i. Minimise the consumption of all resources used in its operations, particularly in respect of the administration of its activities.
- ii. Seek, wherever possible, to use only contractors and suppliers who have their own environmental policy, one which is continually reviewed, updated and measured against recognised, contemporary best practice examples.

5. Principles:

a. The Parish Council will strive to:

- i. Meet all relevant environmental legislation and regulations.
- ii. Regularly update and improve standards as understanding and knowledge develops.
- iii. Recycle and reuse waste materials where possible.
- iv. Dispose of all necessary waste through safe and responsible methods.

- v. Encourage the responsible use of energy and power.
- vi. Respect and protect natural resources by practising conservation and good management.
- vii. Encourage contractors and suppliers to minimise their impact on the environment.
- viii. Encourage its Members and employees to take responsibility for ensuring that the best environmental policy is used and adhered to at all times.
- ix. Purchase products and services which are energy environmentally benign and sustainable where these are available competitively in terms of quality and price.
- x. To minimise the environmental impact in the use of land, treatment of the land and any building projects upon the land. It will seek to conserve and improve both the natural and built environment as appropriate, and to carry out environmental improvements to all areas within its ownership and control. Such improvements, once achieved, will be monitored, and promoted for maximum public enjoyment.