

# Byfield

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## Parish Council

### Environmental Policy

Adopted formally: 11/06/20

#### **Policy Statement:**

Byfield Parish Council is actively seeking to protect and enhance our local environment and biodiversity within our area of operation. We aim to carry out our own activities with environmental efficiency.

#### **Context:**

Byfield Parish Council recognises that a climate emergency has been declared at a national level and believe that there is a role at local level to play our collective part in helping to tackle it.

#### **Guiding Principles:**

- In all its activities we will aim to make a positive contribution to protecting and enhancing the local and global environment.
- Where possible, affordable and commensurate with Parish Council jurisdiction and responsibilities, we will support local initiatives aimed at climate change and or, biodiversity protection or enhancement.
- We will adhere to all relevant environmental legislation and regulations, and to regularly update and improve policies in light of increased understanding and knowledge.
- We will, where possible and appropriate, replace environmentally inefficient assets with environmentally friendly alternatives.
- We will continually assess the following:
  - the impact that operating our buildings and assets have on the environment.
  - the impact that execution of the Parish Council's activities may have on the environment.
  - the impact that the goods and services we procure have on the environment.

#### **Key Objectives:**

- To reduce Byfield's carbon footprint:
  - to facilitate 'green' initiatives that can become part of everyday lives around the village.
- To promote 'sustainability' for Byfield's future generations:
  - to create awareness of ways in which Byfield households can reduce energy consumption and to ensure investment and focus is put into projects that will continue to benefit our community well into the future.
- To be inclusive:
  - for those who wish to play a role in supporting projects and events we're looking for participation from, and collaboration with, parishioners, village organisations and local businesses to help us make the most of the available resources and assets that Byfield has to offer.

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