



## Moulton Parish Council

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# Environmental Policy 2020

Moulton Parish Council recognises its operations and activities may have an impact on the environment. It has a responsibility to minimise adverse impacts and maximise positive impacts.

Sustainability is a core objective of Moulton Parish Council. It is firmly committed to keeping its small part of Mid Cheshire a very special place both through its own activities and through co-operation and consultation with others in the wider community that will benefit present-day residents, businesses, as well as future generations

### **Aims**

In all its activities the Parish Council will aim to make a positive contribution to protecting and enhancing the local and global environment.

### **In all its involvement the Parish Council will seek to:**

- promote the conservation and sustainable use of natural resources where applicable and practical
- minimise environmental pollution and waste in all of its own activities and encourage the conservation, reuse and appropriate recycling of resources
- seek to eliminate the unnecessary use of energy
- reduce the need for movement of people by satisfying local needs using local resources and encouraging walking, cycling and public transport
- work in partnership with other organisations to promote the health of Mid Cheshire both ecologically and physically
- progressively build environmental concerns and sustainability into all its policies
- promote understanding and participation in environmental issues throughout the Parish through education, information and consultation

### **In order to achieve this, the Parish Council will**

- operate an environmental system that co-ordinates work affecting the environment where applicable and practical



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- review local environmental indicators, such as water quality and waste recycling in the village by liaising with providers
- enforce regulations designed to protect the environment, as applicable
- give advice to local business and industry on environmental issues
- adopt practices that minimise the effects the Council has on the environment
- educate in respect of its environmental policies and objectives as applicable
- involve the local community and local groups and encourage local action in support of the environment
- meet all relevant environmental legislation and regulations
- regularly update and improve policies and practices in light of increased understanding and knowledge.
- prepare, implement and monitor environmental action plans for its assets
- minimise the consumption of all resources used in its operations and consider the lifecycle impact of purchases. In particular reduce the use of single-use plastic where possible.
- Since the council, as a public body expending public funds, is also required to secure good value for money, purchasing decisions will take account of both environmental and value for money factors. Tenders will make clear what requirements are mandatory and which are desirable but discretionary.

### **Each member and employee of the parish council will:**

- Take responsibility for the implementation of the environmental policy;
- Encourage volunteers and members of other organisations to adopt good practices so as to improve their environmental performance
- Seek to continuously improve the policy