



## **Sustainability Policy**

When considering proposals the Parish Council will take a positive approach that reflects the presumption in favour of sustainable development contained in the National Planning Policy Framework and set out by the policies of the Cornwall Local Plan.

We will work with, infrastructure providers and the local community to find solutions which mean that proposals will be approved wherever possible, and to secure development that improves the economic, social and environmental conditions in the area.

Through our actions and our behaviour, we aim to equally promote the three aspects of sustainable development: social; environment and economic, whilst maintaining the character of the parish and without causing detriment to any aspect.

The key areas where the Parish Council can influence a sustainable outcome are:

- Through planning decisions within our boundary;
- Through the events that take place on our property; and
- Through the procurement of consumables, equipment and materials,
- Through larger projects

Planning applications that accord with the policies in Cornwall Local Plan and supporting Development Plan (including, where relevant, with policies in the Neighbourhood Plan) will be regarded as sustainable development and be approved, unless material considerations indicate otherwise. When considering whether a development proposal is sustainable or not, account will be taken of its location, layout, design and use against the three pillars of economic development, social development and environmental protection and improvement.

Where there are no policies relevant or policies are out of date at the time of making the decision the Parish Council will support unless material considerations indicate otherwise – taking into account whether: a) Any adverse impacts of supporting would significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits, when assessed against the policies in the National Planning Policy Framework taken as a whole; or b) Specific policies in that Framework indicate that development should be restricted.



### Sustainable event management

Events that take place on our property will be requested to follow a sustainability code that reduces to use of single use items, such as plastic cups and packaging, and promotes the use of re-usable or compostable packaging

### Procurement

We will ensure that all materials procured on behalf of the Parish Council have a regard to their environmental impact, and promotes ethical and sustainable sourcing where possible. Materials shall be selected with their end of life disposal option being the most sustainable, with re-use being the more preferred option.

This Policy will be regularly reviewed and updated to ensure continual improvement opportunities are identified, and that it remains fit for purpose. The content and intent of this policy is applicable to, and will be communicated to all members and officers and those representing the Council, and our supply chain. It will be shared, upon request, with other parties.

The Parish Clerk will oversee this policy and ensure its review.

Signed mferris

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