



## **Environmental Policy**

### **REVISION DATE**

May 2023

### **REPLACES POLICY**

December 2019

### **POLICY AIM**

The aim of this policy is to demonstrate how Goostrey Parish Council will support the long-term environmental, cultural, and economic health and vitality of the Parish, and will promote a community that is vibrant, safe, healthy, and inclusive.

### **POLICY STATEMENT**

#### **As a Parish Council:**

- We are committed to continually improving environmental performance and prevent pollution.
- We will use resources efficiently and take appropriate opportunities to minimise waste through re-use and recycling.
- We will develop environmental action plans with achievable and realistic targets which will be monitored and reviewed periodically.

#### **In its administration and activities Goostrey Parish Council will seek to:**

- Protect the environment by encouraging reducing, reusing, and recycling within our community, to save money, energy, and natural resources.
- Protect and enhance the special landscape quality of the Parish and access to the countryside;
- Protect the character, identity, and rural setting of the village;
- Enhance the quality of the built environment and heritage features;
- Protect and enhance biodiversity including habitats and protected species;
- Protect valued green spaces within the village, including the Bog Bean, and recreation areas including sports and children's play facilities;
- Protect and enhance village services and local employment opportunities;
- Enhance safety for all road users including pedestrians.

#### **In addition, the Parish Council will:**

- Seek to conserve resources where practicable;
- Aim to reduce soil, water, air, light, and noise pollution, littering and fly-tipping;
- Promote non-motorised transport;
- Raise the profile of environmental issues, within the Parish and Borough
- Encourage volunteering and engage residents in environmental projects and issues;
- Enlist public engagement to report environmental issues;
- Review planning policies and proposals affecting the Parish and their likely environmental impacts and respond as appropriate;
- Engage with local environmental agencies, councils, and planning authorities;
- Ensure that the Amenities Committee monitors implementation of this policy and brings forward environmental initiatives.

### **IMPLEMENTATION**

The Amenities Committee and Parish Clerk

**MONITORING**

The policy will be monitored by the Amenities Committee

**POLICY APPROVAL**

Council Minute Reference 06.23.05.a

**POLICY REVIEW DUE**

May 2024