

<b>PURTON PARISH COUNCIL</b>	<b>ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY</b>
<b>APPROVED BY COUNCIL:</b> ...12.../...06.../...2023...  <i>This policy will be reviewed once every 5 years unless there is a significant change in legislation or staffing requirements</i>	
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### 1. **POLICY STATEMENT**

Purton Parish Council is committed to protecting and maintaining the quality of the environment by managing its land and properties and carrying out its services in an environmentally sensitive way where this is practicable and economical. Council recognises the growing importance of environmental considerations and will, wherever practicable promote the concepts of sustainable development. Sustainable development is about ‘meeting the needs of today’s society without compromising future generation’s ability to meet their own needs’.

This document also has a bearing on members of staff with delegated authority to purchase materials and or goods from suppliers and to instruct/ employ contractors to undertake various types of work on behalf of Council; as these third party activities can have a direct impact on the environment.

The Parish Council has a Carbon Neutral Policy in place which will echo above.

### 2. **ENERGY**

We will reduce the amount of energy and water we use by:

- Switching off lights and electronic equipment such as the photocopier and computers when they are not in use
- Keeping outside doors shut in cold weather
- Making sure we turn off taps when they are no longer needed
- Reduction in energy use via monitoring of bills and as far as is reasonable the installation of energy saving equipment (e.g. heating and lighting)

### 3. **PAPER**

We will reduce the amount of paper we use by:

- Writing and printing on both sides of the paper whenever possible
- Filing photocopies for use later if appropriate
- Sending information electronically where appropriate
- Buying paper that is environmentally friendly

### 4. **PURCHASING AND CONTRACTS**

Where possible, practicable and economical Council will purchase its goods and services from local suppliers who share the Council’s environmental view point:

- Purchase and use products which have been manufactured from recycled materials and can be used in an environmentally sustainable way
- Use contractors (as and when required) who share the Council’s environmental objectives or when working for the Council adopt equivalent environmental standards
- Waste Disposal - Council will aim to reduce the amount of waste it produces and where practicable recycle/re-use

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Purton Parish Council fully supports Wiltshire Council’s recycling doorstep/kerbside collection scheme and will support and promote recycling facilities within the Parish.

**5. LITTER & DOG FOULING**

The Council will seek to discourage all forms of littering in particular Dog Fouling. Any incidents brought to the Councils attention will be investigated and reported to the relevant authorities including the Police and Dog Warden.

**6. BUILDING & DEVELOPMENT**

Purton Parish Council will support planning policies that conserve the countryside, with the aim of minimizing the impact of the built form on the natural environment, encouraging plant and animal diversity. Supporting local cycle routes to reduce the reliance on motor vehicles. Prevent future development on flood plains. These areas and more are covered in the Neighbourhood plan.

<b>Review Date</b>	<b>Review Detail</b>
8 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	Adoption of policy by Full Council
6 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	No changes – ref to Carbon Neutral Policy listed