

## **LONGSTOWE PARISH COUNCIL**

### **DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY**

Longstowe Parish Council is committed to the environment, its preservation and enhancement, whilst recognising the need for sustainable, essential development and the provision of quality public amenities and services.

The Parish Council supports the reduction of waste, through recycling and renewability, thus reducing pollution and degradation of the environment.

The Parish Council believes in conservation, improvement and protection of natural resources to improve the quality of life for all residents of the Parish.

The Parish Council will aim to improve its environmental performance and influence improvement in Longstowe in the following ways.

- Reducing the amount of materials we use, and waste we produce
- Re-using materials whenever possible
- Repairing items id possible
- Respecting our neighbours and our environment

#### **Energy and Paper**

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

- Replacing normal light bulbs with energy efficient ones
- Switching off lights when they are not in use
- Keeping outside doors shut in cold weather
- Making sure we turn taps off when no longer needed
- Auditing the amount of energy we use

We will reduce the amount of paper we use by:

- Re-using envelopes and paper by using both sides.
- Sending information electronically where possible
- Buying environmentally friendly stationery
- Recycling any paper waste

#### **Purchasing**

When purchasing any refreshments for the Parish Council functions we will:

- Buy local products where possible to reduce “Food Miles”
- Buy Fair-trade goods where available

#### **Travel/Transport**

- Encourage and support the use of public transport and non-polluting modes of transport such as cycling and walking.

#### **Development**

- The Parish Council will consider sustainability, environmental impact and biodiversity when commenting on planning applications and development control policies from the Local Planning Authority.

