

# **Stanwick Parish Council Green Strategy**

## **1. Introduction**

1.1 The Parish Council recognises that it has a part to play in the global issue of climate change. The Parish Council wants to tackle climate change locally and create a more climate friendly community. As a result the Parish Council will join the growing network of parishes working to combat climate change within their communities as part of a national and global call to action.

1.2 This strategy will support and contribute to the delivery of Pillar 1 Environment and Place of the adopted Four Year Plan [see Appendix 1]

1.3 It is important that the Parish Council plans its green infrastructure network in the same way that it plans other networks and facilities. The objective is to safeguard and enhance the parish environment and meet the needs of the broad range of its residents and visitors, both now and in the future. Green infrastructure is defined in Appendix 2.

1.4 We will examine biodiversity, carbon offsetting and reduction, climate change forums, community projects, greener housing, electric charging points, energy and heating, environmental improvement, flood assistance, green travel, plastic reduction and trees and tree management to determine whether we can make a positive change or enable others to do so.

## **2. Aims and objectives of this strategy**

2.1 To reduce the carbon footprint of Stanwick and improve the carbon rating of the parish where possible

2.2 To improve our green spaces, enhance biodiversity and encourage improvements in green infrastructure where possible

2.3 To reduce waste and recycle more across our community

2.4 To provide opportunities for residents to make their own contribution

## **3. How the strategy will be delivered**

3.1 We will identify elements that we have control and influence over

3.2 We will use our communication channels to provide information on ‘what is green’ and how to have a meaningful impact of climate change

3.3 We will map current areas of ‘wild’ planting to inform plans to improve biodiversity

3.4 Specific actions will be identified through the Four Year Plan action plans

3.5 We will look at setting up a working group that includes members of the public and businesses and the school

3.6 We will host community events that are themed on climate or green matters

#### **4. How effectiveness will be measured**

4.1 We will seek to obtain data from North Northamptonshire Council waste management on the level of garden waste, household recycling and kitchen waste recycling to measure changes

4.2 We will use modelling tools available to us to measure the carbon footprint of Stanwick

4.3 Specific actions will be discussed in Council meetings, recorded in Council minutes and published on our website

#### **5. How the Strategy will be reviewed**

5.1 The strategy will be reviewed annually by the Parish Council.

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1	20 Jan 2022	21.150	

### **Appendix 1**

#### **Pillar 1 Environment and Place of the adopted Four Year Plan'**

- Investigate the possibility of creating a Green Infrastructure Plan and map Natural Capital
- Review Council policies and practices to ensure they are as 'green' as possible
- Parish Council to promote and support sustainable practices wherever possible
- Host Community Climate events
- Put together a list of sustainable 'must haves' for any development
- Actively support local environmental initiatives

### **Appendix 2**

#### **Green Infrastructure**

Green Infrastructure is the network of green spaces, access routes, wildlife habitats, landscapes and historic features which provide:

- a healthy and diverse environment
- attractive places to live and visit
- a good quality of life
- a sustainable future

Green infrastructure assets in Stanwick include:

- Public open space at Mallows Grange
- Children's play space
- Recreation ground
- Cemetery and church yard
- Spencer Parade Gardens
- Parish Fields/Stanwick Pocket Park

- Green corridors
- Habitats for wildlife including Stanwick Lakes buffer zone
- The brook
- Public rights of way and cycle-ways
- Allotments and Community Garden