

CHINNOR PARISH COUNCIL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY 2019

Chinnor Parish Council recognises that operations and activities for which it is responsible can have an impact on the environment. Chinnor Parish Council will therefore strive to both minimise any adverse environmental impacts, and maximise any positive environmental impacts within all its activities. Chinnor Parish Council will aim to make a positive contribution to both protecting and enhancing the local and global environment.

TO ACHIEVE THIS CHINNOR PARISH COUNCIL WILL:

01. Meet all relevant environmental legislation and regulations.
02. Regularly review and revise update and improve policies in light of increased understanding and knowledge.
03. Prepare, implement and monitor environmental action plans for all Parish Assets.
04. Endeavour to minimise consumption of all resources used in its operations and consider the life cycle impact of purchases. Chinnor Parish Council will reduce the use of single-use plastics where possible. Cleaning fluids, polishes etc. should be environmentally friendly. Bleach and solvents harmful to the environment will be avoided.
05. Minimise waste in all Chinnor Parish Council activities. Endeavour to recycle and reuse waste materials and provide facilities for recycling and composting where possible. To repair rather than replace and then to dispose of all necessary waste through safe and responsible methods.
06. Minimise energy use and emissions to air and to use renewable energy sources as far as possible. Chinnor Parish Council will recommend energy technology where possible – this will include insulation, low energy light bulbs and low water use toilets.
07. To work and support other Parishes and local authorities to implement wider scale Environmental Initiatives.
08. Encourage community/ Parish Council-led initiatives where appropriate i.e. Community Gardens. Chinnor Parish Council will look for Environmental Credentials of applicants when offering Grants to Chinnor Community and Charity Groups.
09. Chinnor Parish Council will endeavour to support initiatives that encourage sustainable transport, such as providing places for bicycle parking, bicycle paths, and re-charging points for electric cars.
10. Respect and protect all natural resources through conservation and good management: a/ conserve water b/ encourage users of all Chinnor Parish Council owned grounds, properties and allotments to enhance biodiversity to encourage wildlife and plant life where appropriate, and to promote the planting and good husbandry of tree's.
11. Endeavour to use contractors and suppliers who have and update an Environmental Policy, which meets Government Policy for Environmental guidelines best practices. Additionally, Chinnor Parish Council should use local suppliers and contractors to minimise transportation and therefore, help to support the local economy. To purchase sustainable supplies as environmentally friendly as possible.
12. Chinnor Parish Council undertakes to communicate this Policy to its Parishioners and will create an action plan. This action plan will work to help and encourage all initiatives on environmental protection with a view to reducing overall carbon emissions to the lowest achievable levels.

To achieve these specific objectives a timetable will be established, to ensure that it is both realistic and achievable.

Approved at Full Council on 4th November 2019 (to be revised annually)

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