

Resolved at the full meeting of Thornhackett Parish Council on 17.05.2023

Thornhackett Parish Council associates itself with Dorset Council, who declared a Climate Emergency on 16.05.2019*, and all the other local authority and other organisations, in declaring a Climate and Ecological Emergency and hereby declares a Climate and Ecological Emergency (CEE) and resolves to:

1. Commit to becoming where practicable a carbon neutral organisation in all that we do directly by 2030. To this end a plan of action in collaboration with our community is to be created.
2. Include consideration of environmental implications when assessing any action proposed to be taken by the Parish Council or any planning application submitted by other parties.
3. Seek ways to encourage and facilitate our community in reducing direct and indirect CO2 emissions.
4. Increase our community's resilience to the effects of the changing climate.
5. **What we aim to do** : Commence a Community Action Plan with a Working Group.

Take active steps where possible to encourage:

- (a) More sustainable use of transport
- (b) Reductions in energy use
- (c) Co-operation with organisations seeking to develop low carbon and community-led affordable housing
- (d) Production and sale of locally sourced food
- (e) Elimination of the use of pesticides
- (f) Any other appropriate actions that may be identified from time to time including adding this declaration to form an intrinsic part of The Parish Councils working progress.

Next steps:

1. Add the declaration to the Parish Councils Duty of Consideration
2. Identify the Declaration on the Parish Council Website. Set up a section on the website for Climate Change and Natural Environment to distribute information for the community.
3. Set up a Working Group to consider and develop an action plan in consultation with the community.

*Sources: <https://moderngov.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/mgAi.aspx?ID=2445>