

## **St Neot Parish Council**

### **Statement on Sustainable Development**

St Neot Parish Council recognises the urgent need to address climate change and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. We are committed to delivering our services in such a way that we seek to mitigate and adapt to the impacts of climate change. This includes air pollution, supporting renewable energy sources, promoting energy efficiency measures in public buildings and facilities, and working with local businesses and the community to identify and reduce carbon emissions.

We also promote climate resilience measures, such as flood prevention and drought management, to protect our community from the effects of climate change.

Recognising the beautiful open spaces our communities enjoys, we also acknowledge the importance of biodiversity in maintaining healthy ecosystems and supporting wildlife habitats. The Parish Council aims:

- To work to protect and enhance biodiversity within our community by promoting sustainable land-management practices, protecting local flora and fauna and creating opportunities for residents to engage in conservation efforts.
- To support the conservation of trees, hedgerows, ponds and streams.
- To support community initiatives, such as tree planting programmes, wildlife habitat restoration, composting and community gardens, to promote biodiversity and ecological sustainability.

We recognise that sustainability is not only about environmental conservation but also about social wellbeing. To this end the Parish Council aims:

- To create an inclusive and equitable community where parishioners and visitors have equal opportunity to enjoy the Councils assets, facilities and services where possible.
- To foster social sustainability by supporting an appropriate mix of housing solutions (including affordable housing), within our parish and promote local businesses and economies which share our sustainability aspirations.
- To encourage local people to engage in a range of activities available in our community, to enrich the lives of our parishioners whilst advocating social justice.

We believe working together in collaboration or partnership brings added value to our community and we will seek to work with others to achieve these aims.

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