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CLIMATE EMERGENCY POLICY

On 22nd April 2021, Colney Heath Parish Council declared a climate emergency. In recognition of the urgent threat posed by climate change, we have committed to reducing council emissions to net zero by 2030, as well as working with residents and businesses to help reduce their own carbon emissions.

Colney Heath Parish Council believes that:

- All levels of government (national, regional and local) have a duty and responsibility to act to limit the negative impacts of Climate Change and that strong policies to cut emissions also have associated health, wellbeing and economic benefits.
- Local action can make a difference and will be essential. Local councils are well placed to act and, while our direct impacts may be limited, that is no reason or excuse for inaction on our part.
- Positive action can deliver benefits in terms of new jobs, economic savings, market opportunities, and improved health and well-being locally and worldwide.

Colney Heath Parish Council resolves to take the following actions:

- In line with the latest IPCC report findings that we have 9 years to avoid dangerous climate change, CHPC will declare a "Climate Emergency".
- Commit to help make our community carbon-neutral by 2030 by carrying out the following:
 - Explaining why Colney Heath Parish Council has declared a climate emergency.
 - Providing ongoing information to residents about how local action can make a difference and what actions they can take.
 - Seeking to ensure the highest sustainability standards for all major new developments within the parish and work with district and county councils and developers to ensure enforcement.
 - Supporting the Neighbourhood Plan Committee to include all elements relevant to climate change and carbon neutrality (e.g., carbon emission reduction standards, energy efficiency, renewable energy) in the Plan.
 - Developing a climate emergency plan to enable our community to become more resilient in the face of more extreme weather such as flooding and heat.



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- Publicise CHPC's decision to declare a "Climate Emergency" and take urgent action on climate change and encourage other councils to follow suit.
- Work with our community and other councils to:
 - Determine and implement the ways in which we can best help to limit global warming to less than 1.5oC and develop relevant strategies and plans to deliver our goals.
 - Call on the UK national government to provide the policies, powers and resources to reduce the nation's emissions and enable local communities to accelerate the pace and scale of local action to make the 2030 target possible.