

Bramshott and Liphook Parish Council

Sustainability Policy



Bramshott and Liphook Parish Council is committed to caring for the environment and the principal of sustainability. The objective is to preserve and enhance the environment for future generations to enjoy. It is not the intention of the parish Council to raise the precept to cover the costs involved however as holders of the local public purse, solutions will be sought and found that will save the parish council money either immediately or over a specified time frame.

Principles

Sustainability principles should be considered by the Parish Council in its day to day operations and in the work of its committees.

The Council will consider how each committee has integrated sustainability policies into their work on an annual basis and report on progress to the Parish.

The aims of the policy will be to:

1. Reduce the consumption of energy, water and other natural resources and ensure their efficient use.
2. Utilize renewable energy sources where economically possible.
3. Minimize the production of waste and reduce the impact of its disposal.
4. Protect and enhance the diversity of nature.
5. Increase the use of local resources, where possible, to satisfy local needs.
6. Annually monitor Council policies to ensure they follow sustainability criteria.
7. Look for best practice outside our own Parish and share and utilize that practise within the Parish.
8. Investigate and pursue all grants.

Committees of the Council will be encouraged to work towards achieving monitored sustainability objectives by :-

1. The economic use of power and possible long term use of renewable power supplies when replacement or new buildings and machinery are acquired. This should also be considered for existing assets where possible.
2. The use of energy saving products when replacement of equipment is necessary
3. Recycling waste products where possible

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4. Obtaining resources locally where possible to reduce carbon footprint and promote local businesses
5. Giving directions to Council staff consistent with objectives set out in the Sustainability policy.
6. All new projects should have a checklist against the Sustainability Policy when being considered for approval.