

## **St Germans Parish Council Carbon Neutral Policy<sup>1</sup>**

**The below was proposed by Cllr Gomersall on 28 October 2019**

St Germans Parish Council supports Cornwall Council's initiative to become Carbon Neutral by 2030. To avoid exceeding 1.5 degrees C target global net CO2 emissions must decline by 45% by 2030 reaching net 0 before 2050.

The Parish Council will work actively to encourage parishioners to embrace the subject and will keep themselves updated of any relevant changes and initiatives that can be implemented within the Parish.

St Germans Parish Council – Roles and responsibilities:

- Helping deliver sustainable operations whilst delivering exceptional service to our Parishioner's.
- Actively encourage and educate on outstanding waste management encouraging the 5 key elements – Reduce Reuse Recycle Recover and Dispose.
- Encourage developers to adhere to policies to support climate change measures when building new housing and commercial developments, alterations and extensions to existing property that require planning.
- Encourage clean energy, solar and wind power where appropriate, reduce waste consumption and encourage new initiatives as technology progresses.
- To help develop car sharing, better networks of bus services, train, public paths for walking, cycle routes to help reduce emissions.
- Increase and set clear targets for biodiversity and tree targets, develop areas for flora and fauna to be encouraged on any Parish Council owned ground, also to help and encourage Parishioners'' who can use land gardens to help reach these targets.
- Review opportunities to become Greener, Solar panels, LED lighting, low carbon emission heating systems building insulation, stop purchasing single use plastic, investigate water saving equipment, etc.
- Encourage regular clean ups of our Parish.
- Investigate non harmful weed control.
- Working in partnerships with different clubs' and organisations in the Parish
- Be open to new ideas and better ways to work that reduce carbon emissions.

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<sup>1</sup> Adopted by Full Council at the meeting held on Monday 28 October 2019 under minute number 8.5. To be reviewed October 2020.