

Lilbourne Parish Council – May 2026

1. Introduction

Lilbourne Parish Council recognises its responsibility to protect and enhance the local environment for the benefit of current and future generations. The Council is committed to minimising the environmental impact of its activities, promoting sustainable practices, and supporting the community to do the same.

This policy sets out the Council's environmental commitments and the principles that guide its decision-making.

2. Our Commitments

- Minimising Waste — The Council will reduce waste wherever possible by reviewing its operations, using resources efficiently, and avoiding unnecessary consumption.
- Reducing Emissions — The Council will seek to minimise carbon emissions and other pollutants by choosing low-emission equipment, vehicles and energy sources wherever feasible.
- Promoting Recycling — The Council will encourage recycling and responsible waste disposal within its own operations and will promote good practice among residents, suppliers and contractors.
- Sustainable Procurement — When purchasing goods or services, the Council will consider environmental impact, favouring products that are durable, recyclable, energy-efficient or sustainably sourced.
- Compliance with Legislation — The Council will meet or exceed all relevant environmental legislation, regulations and statutory guidance.
- Biodiversity Protection — The Council will consider biodiversity in its decisions, support habitat protection, and comply with its duty to conserve and enhance biodiversity under the Environment Act 2021.
- Community Engagement — The Council will support local initiatives that promote environmental awareness, conservation, and sustainable living.

3. Implementation

To deliver this policy, the Council will:

- Integrate environmental considerations into all decisions, projects and procurement.
- Work with contractors and suppliers who demonstrate good environmental practice.
- Monitor energy use, waste production and resource consumption within Council activities.
- Encourage residents to participate in environmental schemes and village improvements.
- Review opportunities for tree planting, habitat creation and nature-friendly management of parish land.

4. Monitoring and Review

This policy will be reviewed annually or sooner if required due to changes in legislation, best practice or Council operations.

- Adopted: May 2026
- Next Review: May 2027