

CLIMATE ACTION STRATEGY



	Putting climate change at the heart of decision making.	We would like to ensure that our climate and nature restoration goals are at the forefront of any decisions made by the Parish Council with residents support.
Number	What we will do	How we will do it
1	Require councillors to identify whether new recommendations, or proposals put to them, would help or hinder climate, air pollution and nature plans.	Councillors should refer to the Climate Action Strategy (CAS) when making decisions and minute that consideration has been given to environmental factors and recommendations given to outside organisations to comply with best practices as such. When making purchases and issuing contracts to source suppliers and products that meet the aims of the CAS.
2	Identify a Councillor at Parish Council Level who is Lead of the Climate Change Working Group and who are required to publish an annual report to the public on progress in meeting climate change and nature targets.	The Parish Council will nominate a Councillor to lead the Climate Change Working group. This is currently Gemma Dempsey-Gray. They will monitor and record progress. The report will be presented at the annual Parish Council meeting.
3	Set Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant and Timed (SMART) targets yearly for our Parish Council to achieve a carbon neutral status and meet nature restoration goals. We will also launch an educational program to share with residents, information on how to progress individually.	The councillor leading the working group will research and make recommendations to the Parish Council. The SMART targets will be incorporated into the annual report.
4	Use additional and existing decision making approaches consulting the residents of Wickham Market for complicated or contentious issues.	The Parish Council will engage with the public to gauge opinion on complicated or contentious issues in order to inform the parish council decision making process. Eg. Holding climate change events and meetings, using surveys and utilising the newsletter.
5	Review and improve how we involve residents in our decision making processes.	We will analyse the success of different methods of consultation based on the quality and quantity of engagement. We will seek to be innovative in improving our methods of consultation.
6	Align all of our Parish Council statutory and non statutory plans, committee terms of reference, policies and guidance with respect to carbon reduction pathways and nature restoration plans, including procurement.	The lead councillor for climate change, will undertake a review of committee terms of reference, council policies and make recommendations to the council and committees in collaboration with committee leaders and policy makers.
	Land use.	We would like to ensure our goal of carbon capture and accessible shared green spaces are met.
7	Increase the tree cover on Parish Council owned land and support local planning strategies to increase tree cover across the local authority area. Protect existing trees to assist carbon	We will seek to acquire additional pieces of land, identifying key sites for tree planting, working with the environment and leisure committee and existing community groups.

	storing, nature, improve soils and water quality and aid flood protection and urban design.	We will work with other local authorities and organisations to promote and embrace their initiatives and share ours.
8	Protect and enhance existing local green spaces and their biodiversity, green belt and locally designated nature sites.	We will work with the environment and leisure committee to ensure that our green spaces are surveyed regularly to identify the gaps and areas of potential growth within their stewardship role.
9	Manage Parish Council owned land and, in conjunction with other authorities, road verges to increase biodiversity and drawdown carbon pollution, including reduced pesticide use and increased planting of wildflowers.	We will identify areas of land for potential planting that will increase biodiversity. Assess and review the use of pesticides on land owned by Parish Council.
	Protect the most vulnerable	We would like to ensure that we protect the most vulnerable to climate change by supporting them.
10	Support local groups and organisations in identifying the most vulnerable people in the area, most at risk of extreme weather conditions and target adaption policies, actions and spending to these areas.	We will keep in regular contact with local groups and organisations in order to identify any needs where the Parish Council can offer support.
11	Ensure that voices of the most vulnerable communities are also represented in Parish Council decision-making and council-resident deliberations.	We will actively consider the needs and priorities of the most vulnerable residents in our decision making.
	Buildings.	We would like to ensure we do all we can as a Parish Council to help residents to engage in better insulated homes and other energy saving schemes to eradicate fuel poverty.
12	Investigate Parish Council owned properties in regard to insulation and energy saving measures.	We will work with the Village Hall Committee to identify any deficiencies in insulation and energy saving measures within the Village hall and seek to improve.
13	Help owner occupied homes to be more energy efficient.	We will engage with organisations to help us identify owner occupied buildings which need improvements and will share details of available schemes and initiatives to assist with restorative works.
14	To support the local planning policy which promotes minimum energy efficiency standards in the private rented sector.	We will identify the policies and relevant guidance and make the information available to local tenants.
15	To promote the highest possible standard for privately built new homes, and as much as possible, with new build sites within Wickham Market from developers.	We will include in our response to planning applications the use renewable energy and meeting the Homes For Life standard. Eg. Recommending installation of air/ground source heat pumps and solar panels with battery storage, in all new builds.
16	To ensure that all new Parish Council property is built to a high environmental standard.	Eg. Highly insulated, self sufficient energy which gives back to the grid. Consider net zero builds.
	Waste.	We would like to engage and promote waste minimisation across the Parish.
17	Work toward Parish Council sending zero waste to landfill or incineration.	We will carry out an in house waste audit and identify ways to reuse and reduce waste through recycling. We will look at how we can implement resident tetrapak recycling and upcycling.

18	Use food waste according to best practices to prevent waste and make compost.	We will investigate a localised food waste scheme to try and engage residents in producing less food waste.
19	Promote community sharing and reuse.	We will investigate a sharing and reuse scheme in the terms and conditions for the allotment association.
20	Promote use and attendance of the 'Mens Shed' to repair existing items rather than replacing and sending old items to landfill.	We will use the newsletter and other means of communication to promote this scheme and help it grow.
	Transport	We would like to reduce air pollution and promote transitioning to electric vehicles. We would like to promote usage of public transport, cycling and walking.
21	Install Electric Vehicle (EV) charging points where opportunities arise to enable the rapid shift to electric vehicles.	We will work within Wickham Market to identify areas in which we can install EV charging points to assist the transition and infrastructure surrounding EV's.
22	Lobby for transport investment into cycling, walking, and public transport, such as electric buses.	We will work with other Parish Councils to explore opportunities to actively encourage developers to take into consideration pedestrian and cycle routes around our villages. We will also use any opportunity we can to lobby our local government and central government to install better and more energy efficient public transport especially in rural areas.
23	Support Katch – as an alternative to driving to local neighbouring Parishes.	We will support the electric mini bus service by promoting its usage. Investigate how we may be able to subsidise our residents use of the service.
24	If the Parish Council needs to purchase vehicles, ensure it is an EV.	If the situation arises we will make sure we purchase an electric vehicle.
25	Promote and encourage our residents to use walking and cycling as a form of transport, to reduce carbon emissions and to benefit health.	We will use educational methods such as newsletters, blogs and climate change events to promote this.
26	Reduce car use through measures such as promoting car sharing, electric bicycles and re-regulating bus services with the addition of Katch.	We will use educational methods such as newsletters, blogs and climate change events to promote the reduction of car use.
27	To reduce our carbon footprint on deliveries to Parish Council.	We will endeavour to use local and environmentally aware companies to reduce delivery miles.
28	Discourage car idling, particularly outside the school and shops in order to reduce air pollution.	We will work with the school and local residents to educate on idling, as part of the highway code 123. Parish Council to consider signage around the village to reduce idling.
29	Ensure our Neighbourhood Plan considers transport and retail in Wickham Market to reduce reliance on individual cars.	We will work with the Neighbourhood plan committee to ensure Climate Change issues are at the heart of decisions throughout the Parish.
	Power	We would like to ensure that Wickham Market moves towards greener energy in as many areas as possible and minimising energy waste.
30	Change lighting in public areas to a well designed and well directed LED lights. Solar options should be considered.	We will carry out an audit of public area lighting. We will replace lighting owned by the Parish Council and work with the other lighting owners to move to LED lighting. Use solar powered lighting where possible.
31	Reduce energy used by the Parish Council with its own assets.	We will carry out an audit of Parish Council owned assets and review areas which we can improve energy usage.

32	Require the integration of renewable energy Eg. solar panels with battery storage and heat pumps in Parish Council developments and as far as possible in private sector developments.	We will ensure we use these environmentally friendly energy sources in Parish Council builds, and work with the neighbourhood plan committee to ensure we try and engage private sectors in the same.
33	Support renewable energy and energy storage.	We will promote the use of renewable energy and energy storage using Parish Council mediums of communication and education to residents.
	Raising Money	We would like to utilise as many areas of funding as we can access to enable us to support our Climate Action Strategy.
34	Raise money from any grants and government funding, Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) to implement our Climate Change Strategy. Consider using the Public Works Loan Board to implement low carbon infrastructure.	We will investigate potential low carbon infrastructure projects and try to utilise as many grants as possible to improve our Parish Council.
	Influencing others	We would like to ensure we provide education, and lead by example to our stakeholders. We would like to co-operate with neighbouring towns and villages to increase lobbying power and devolution.
35	Work with other local authorities and allies to secure more regulatory powers, fundraising powers and finance to deliver on our aspirations.	<p>We will share our climate strategy with Parish Councils in our district and neighbouring villages.</p> <p>We will seek opportunities using the General Power of Competence.</p> <p>We will raise awareness of the Climate Action Strategy at all levels of national and local government.</p>
36	To join forces with others to push for a climate action plan that is commensurate with the climate and nature emergency.	We will work together with local Parish and Town Councils to realise our goals together and allow greater lobbying power locally.
37	Work with Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEP) to encourage their decisions to be in line with the climate reduction pathway and nature restoration plans.	Work with the New Anglia LEP and lobby for improvements to enhance our position environmentally.
38	Provide support to Small and Medium Enterprises (SME) and residents to access funds and expertise for reducing carbon pollution.	We will information share with SMEs on local and countywide initiatives.
39	Raise awareness of United Nations and general scientific consensus that we need to reduce meat and dairy intake to promote carbon reduction individually as well as improved health, incorporating shop local campaign and the importance of high quality produce.	<p>We will use various forms of education to promote local food and healthy eating to residents, including reducing meat and dairy and why organic produce is better for biodiversity and health.</p> <p>We will only supply plant based food and drinks at any Parish Council events/meetings to lead by example. Encourage vegetarian and plant based vendors at events the Parish Council have participation in.</p>
40	Inspire Wickham Market residents to eliminate litter and waste.	We will help orchestrate litter picks in Wickham Market and actively promote the 'Don't be a Tosser' campaign.