

## **CALSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL**

## Terms of Reference Environment & Climate Emergency Committee

- 1. Members of the Environment & Climate Emergency (ECE) Committee shall be appointed by the Council at an ordinary meeting.
- 2. The Chair of the Committee shall be elected at the first meeting after the Full Council's Annual Meeting.
- 3. The quorate number of committee members with voting rights shall be 4 for a meeting to proceed, committee members with voting rights can be made up of non-councillors but usually this number will be limited to 25% of the total number on the committee.
- 4. Meetings of the Committee will be held as and when required.
- 5. Before November in each year the ECE Committee will be responsible for preparing a budget, for the following financial year.
- 6. After the budget has been approved by the full council the ECE Committee will have delegated authority to ensure that spend is carried out in accordance with the budget.
- 7. The Committee will make regular reports to the Council and seek approval for all actions.
- 8. The purpose of the Committee is to:
  - 8.1 Implement and review the Environment and Climate Emergency Strategic Plan with three measurable objectives that the Council's decisions should be based on; these being: Reducing Impact; Recovering Nature and Improving Health and Wellbeing
  - 8.2 review reports and strategies to improve the health of the environment and wellbeing of the population and mitigate the climate emergency at a local and national level,
  - 8.3 to consider Cornwall Council's response and current plans to improve the environment and carbon footprint affecting Calstock Parish and make suggestions for future plans,
  - 8.4 to represent the Parish Council in discussions with Cornwall Council, National Government, other relevant organisations and the public on the environment and the climate emergency,

- 8.5 to work with local community groups and individuals to put in place strategies and initiatives to help improve the environment and reduce carbon footprint and monitor and review these,
- 8.6 to promote awareness of the environment and the climate emergency and mitigation strategies,
- 8.7 to make recommendations to the Parish Council and Cornwall Council on what actions it can take in relation to the environment and the climate emergency,
- 8.8 to define policy and working practices for approval by the Parish Council
- 9. The Committee will cease to exist when the Council resolves that it has completed its purpose and any outstanding matters and ongoing issues have been dealt with.