



Calstock Parish Council

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Environment and Climate Change – Parish Council Committee Objectives

Calstock Parish Council – Statement of Intent

This document should be read in conjunction with the Environment and Climate Change Strategic plan.

It aims to address how each Council Committee can incorporate the objectives of the strategic plan into their specific work.

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Environment and Climate Change Committee	<p>Oversee all aspects of Council work to ensure appropriate responses are made to the climate crisis</p> <p>Develop a network with communities, organisations and corporations to share information and advice</p> <p>Engage with local agencies and business to understand their environmental strategies and how they impact on the environment (e.g. Heildeberg Aggregates; South West Water, Environmental Agency)</p> <p>Campaign for cleaner water in the watercourses, especially the River Tamar</p> <p>Ensure a managed plan is implemented in Town Farm Field, Calstock to encourage conservation; biodiversity while enabling public access.</p> <p>To introduce parish wide policies such as a Hedgerow Policy</p> <p>To look at the best use for a piece of land next to the allotments, currently rented out to a local farmer.</p>
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	Recovering Nature	Reducing Impact	Health and Wellbeing
Amenities Committee		<p>Green energy companies used for public toilets</p> <p>Exploring EV charging points in car parks</p> <p>Where economically viable and staff efficient, using local traders for materials and contract works</p> <p>Campaigning for safe roads and pavements to encourage more pedestrian travel</p> <p>Maintenance of bus shelters to encourage use of public transport</p>	<p>Ensure the footbridge at Calstock is maintained to promote its longevity</p>

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Burial Committee	<p>Leaving space for nature in all cemeteries</p> <p>Eliminating items containing plastic</p> <p>Following Living Churchyards management plan in Calstock Cemetery</p> <p>Encouraging traditional methods such as scything with volunteer groups</p>	<p>Use of battery powered tools where economically viable and staff efficient</p>	<p>Ensuring all needs are met by keeping areas with graves in the new cemeteries tidy but creating natural areas elsewhere</p> <p>Enabling people to leave appropriate tokens on the graves of loved ones such as planting bulbs and small shrubs, leaving ornaments made of natural fibres, encouraging natural wreaths the base of which can be reused</p>
<p>Burial Maintenance Policy</p> <p>There will be designated areas left for nature in all cemeteries.</p> <p>Graves in the ‘working’ cemeteries (Albaston West and Calstock) will be kept tidy with grass strimmed and mowed regularly.</p> <p>The new parts of Albaston and Calstock will have clearly marked sections for re-wilding with sharp margins to indicate the areas have been deliberately left.</p> <p>In Albaston new cemetery a margin of at least 5 metres will be left from the last row of graves in a ‘working’ area and in the bottom section of the old part.</p> <p>Wildflowers such as ox-eyed daisies, primroses and bluebells will be left until they have finished flowering.</p> <p>All entrances to all cemeteries will be kept strimmed and tidy.</p> <p>Grass paths will be kept mown to allow access to different sections of the cemeteries.</p> <p>Hedgerows – see hedgerow policy for all parish owned hedges but consideration should be given to the appearance of the working cemeteries so as not to cause emotional harm.</p>			

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Finance and General Purposes		<p>To support the use of battery powered tools and to eliminate petrol/diesel powered tools</p> <p>Where financially justifiable, use local contractors and traders to eliminate the carbon footprint</p> <p>Ensure budgets are planned to support environmental work which may require more staffing</p>	<p>Ensure reserves are budgeted for to keep recreational facilities and amenities in good working order</p>
Planning		<p>Supporting planning that complies with Cornwall Council's Development Policy and the NDP's Renewable Energy Policies</p> <p>Reviewing planning applications for sustainable options</p>	

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Recreations	<p>Leaving space for nature in recreation grounds and the Millennium Green</p> <p>Ensure the Pleasure Piece is sensitively managed to avoid the current biodiversity being threatened</p> <p>Discouraging the use of pesticides in the allotments and allowing allotment to be used for growing flowers rather than just cultivating produce</p> <p>Additional tree planting will be encouraged where space allows it</p>	<p>Green energy companies used for changing rooms</p> <p>Use of battery powered tools for grounds work where economically viable and staff efficient</p> <p>Where economically viable and staff efficient using local traders for materials and contract works</p>	<p>Ensuring Footpaths remain accessible and any contracted work is carried out in an environmentally sympathetic manner.</p> <p>Supporting the Footpath network and encouraging use of all paths</p> <p>Ensure pitches and play areas grass is kept short to encourage use</p> <p>Ensure play equipment is maintained, repaired and replaced in a timely manner</p> <p>Ensuring allotments are well maintained and used responsibly</p> <p>Create more plots should numbers on the waiting list reach over 20</p>
<p>Recreation Maintenance Policy</p> <p>Designated areas will be left for nature in all recreational grounds – these will be clearly defined areas with paths strimmed through them (depending on their size).</p> <p>Areas around play parks and pitches and the children’s memorial garden in Millennium Green will be kept strimmed and mown at all times.</p> <p>The needs of local sports clubs will be met to the best of the staff’s ability to ensure pitches are well maintained and can be used</p>			

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Waterfront		Supporting the Tamara Way ferry service including potential support for a solar installation on the pontoon to charge the ferry	<p>To ensure facilities are in place to enable people to pursue watercraft recreation</p> <p>To support the Tamara Project in enabling the walking route including supporting the storage and operation of the ferry</p>