

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Burwash Parish Council recognises that the day-to-day operations of the council can impact both directly and indirectly on the environment.
- 1.2 Burwash Parish Council aims to protect and improve the environment through good management and by adopting best practice wherever possible.
- 1.3 Burwash Parish Council will work to integrate environmental considerations into our business decisions and adopt more environmentally friendly alternatives wherever possible, throughout our operations.

2. Objectives

2.1 In order to discharge its responsibilities, Burwash Parish Council will

- Bring this Environmental policy to the attention of all stakeholders will this be by having on website and maybe as a link in communications from the Clerk whenever emails / letters sent out to contractors?
- Carry out regular audits of the environmental management system
- Comply fully with all relevant legal requirements, codes of practice and regulations at international, national and local levels
- Eliminate risks to the environment, where possible, through effective planning controls and selection and design of materials, buildings, facilities, equipment and processes
- Protect the local AONB
- Ensure that emergency procedures are in place at all locations for dealing with environmental issues where these are the responsibility of Burwash Parish Council
- Identify and manage environmental risks and hazards where these are the responsibility of Burwash Parish Council
- Minimise waste and increase recycling within the framework of Burwash Parish Council's waste management procedures
- Aim to only engage contractors who are able to demonstrate due regard to environmental matters
- Promote prevention of pollution to land, air and water
- Promote environmentally responsible purchasing
- Provide adequate resources to control environmental risks arising from work activities
- Provide suitable training to enable employees and volunteers to deal with their specific areas of environmental control
- Reduce the use of water, energy and other natural resources
- Source materials from sustainable supply, whenever practical
- Consider the impact of noise and light pollution / Minimise opportunities for light pollution to protect the local dark skies

- Work with the Planning Committee to ensure that all new developments are dark sky compliant and they they are environmentally friendly e.g. with solar panels and environmentally friendly heating
- Minimize the opportunities for noise pollution