



Tisbury Parish Council Environment Committee

Terms of Reference

Vision Statement

Our vision is to ensure that the impacts of any decision or actions by Tisbury Parish Council do not contribute to further climate change and seek to protect local biodiversity. The environmental working group seek to influence decisions ensuring the mitigation of potential impacts of climate change and improve the environment for the well being of all its inhabitants, flora and fauna.

Objectives

1. To review and promote the reduction of carbon emissions by the Parish Council operations with a view to zero emissions by 2040
2. To undertake training in Carbon literacy and provide that training to Tisbury Parish Councillors by December 2022
3. To review Tisbury and West Tisbury Neighbourhood plan in relation to dark skies, blue and green infrastructure, flooding and biodiversity and suggest policy for the 2022 reiteration.
4. To recommend action to achieve the Dark Skies friendly award.
5. To provide information on issues relating to waste and recycling including composting and recommend action to the Parish Council
6. To make recommendations to the Council to support and promote the protection of biodiversity in the Parish.
7. To make recommendations to the Council in relation to the protection of green spaces and the promotion of footpaths, cycle tracks and other green transport options.
8. To review and recommend transition to environmentally friendly policies in all areas of Council business and responsibilities.

Scope

The Committee Governance:

1. Is governed by Tisbury Parish Council's Standing Orders.
2. Has no delegated powers and must report to a full Tisbury Parish Council meeting for any decisions to be resolved/ratified; this may be done by circulation of the Committee minutes taken by a Tisbury Councillor.
3. Is comprised of 5 Tisbury Parish Councillors and West Tisbury Parish Councillors are welcome to attend in a consultative and observing role– substitutions may be made as required.
4. The West Tisbury Parish Councillor will report back to West Tisbury Parish Council.
5. Other members of the group that are not councillors of either parish council will be invited as appropriate; usually for their expertise.
6. Decisions of the Committee will be taken by the 5 (minimum 3) Tisbury parish council representatives.
7. Tisbury Parish Council has responsibility for all decisions made.