Parish Council Meeting – 20ᵗʰ October 2020

Climate Change

Considering the recent flooding in the village, this seems an appropriate time to consider Climate Change.

Since 2018 many local councils have declared a Climate Change Emergency but what does this mean. It means the following:

The Council agrees to note that

a) The recent 2018 Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report states that we have just 12 twelve years to act on climate change if global temperature rises are to be kept within the recommended 1.5 degrees Celsius.
b) All governments (national, regional, and local) have a duty to limit the negative impacts on climate breakdown. UK county, district and local councils need to commit to realistic reduction targets and carbon neutrality as quickly as possible.
c) The Local Government Association has voted to "declare a climate emergency and commits to supporting councils in their work to tackle climate change".

And

Considering the above, the Council therefore agrees to:

1) Join other councils in declaring a Climate Emergency.
2) Use all practical means to reduce any negative impact of Council services on the environment, with an aspiration to be carbon neutral by 2030.
3) Ask officers to ensure that specific consideration is given to how policies and related decisions and actions, affect our contribution to climate change, and act as appropriate.
4) Continue to work with partners (including residents and businesses) inside and outside the community to deliver widespread carbon reductions.

Haddenham Parish Council has declared a Climate Change Emergency, so please visit their website for a clearer idea of what could be involved - Haddenham PC Climate Change

Actions Required

1) Does the parish council wish to declare a Climate Emergency.
2) Does the parish council with to appoint a councillor to take the lead.
3) The parish council will consider climate change initiatives.
4) The parish council will consider climate change measures when taking future decisions.