

## **Bourn Parish Council Climate Change Statement**

Bourn Parish Council recognises that we face a Climate Emergency. The consensus among environmental scientists is that there is clear evidence of climate change and that this may represent a threat to the life opportunities and well-being of future generations. We believe that addressing the challenges of climate change now will positively affect our health, wellbeing and community resilience. The Parish Council further acknowledges that its future actions and decisions should take account of the need to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases and the desire to reach net-zero carbon by 2030.

The Parish Council invites interested members of the community to set up a new Working Party to consider and propose local initiatives and actions to help tackle climate change that can be undertaken by the community. The Parish Council would support, as appropriate, the Working Party in its efforts to:

- cooperate with the District and County Councils and other local and national agencies to direct attention towards projects in the parish that will help achieve net-zero carbon by 2030• communicate regularly with our community through an inclusive process that hears views and ideas for action from all sectors of the community.
- develop plans aimed at achieving zero carbon by 2030 and consider environmental improvements, such as enhancement of the biodiversity of the parish and the introduction of measures to mitigate the local impact of severe weather events.
- Support audits of energy use in public buildings and assess wider environmental impacts in the parish.
- Support action to reduce our community's carbon emissions by recommending improvements to buildings' energy efficiency.
- Support a reduction in the use of private cars by seeking improvement in public transport provision and by encouraging walking and cycling.
- Review progress through annual monitoring of energy use and other environmental impacts.
- encourage natural approaches to carbon capture such as tree planting and increasing biodiversity.