## Fradley Parish Council-Environmental Policy

Fradley Parish Council aims to carry out its activities and responsibilities with environmental efficiency, actively seeking to protect and enhance the local environment and biodiversity across the parish of Fradley.

The Parish Council recognises the importance of climate emergency and will consider the implications of our decision making upon both climate change and environmental issues across the parish.

## Aim

To protect and enhance our natural environment and raise awareness of climate emergency within the parish. To minimise waste and resources wherever possible and appropriate through environmentally friendly alternatives and initiatives.

## **Objectives**

- To meet all relevant environmental legislation and regulations
- Wherever possible, minimise waste during Parish Council business, such as reducing paper use, sharing transport when attending events and meetings
- Ensure our neighbourhood plan requires new homes to be energy efficient, nature friendly and close to public transport and amenities
- To demonstrate our commitment to biodiversity through the development of a stand alone biodiversity policy and action plan to run alongside this policy
- Actively encourage wildlife via the use of suitable and considered perennial planting in our displays and environmental initiatives
- Encourage and support recycling across the parish
- To support and promote any renewable energy projects in the parish
- To work collaboratively with local residents, businesses, organisations and groups to respect and enhance our natural resources and environment
- To support and work with local organisations such as Fradley Heritage Group and Open Gardens to build upon any existing environmental initiatives
- Ensure existing walking and cycling routes are accessible and clear
- To encourage and support local voluntary groups and organisations with litter picking and dog fouling initiatives, promoting good practice across the parish
- Encourage our contractors and suppliers to minimise their impact on the environment, such as use of weedkiller and consideration to existing wildlife