



POWICK PARISH COUNCIL CARBON REDUCTION PLAN

Six Month Review #1

Version: June 2023

Introduction

This document provides an update on our progress implementing our Carbon Reduction Plan. This covers the first six months of the plan only, since it was adopted in December 2022. As a working document, we have decided to publish our progress as logged against each point in the six month plan. See below.

The full Powick Parish Council Carbon Reduction Plan can be viewed [here](#).

Summary

Many of the actions we proposed have been implemented and we have been active as a group in shaping the actions of the parish council. Most notable among our achievements over this six month period are the crowdfunding and implementation of a biodiversity planting programme and the setting up and running of a parish e-bike loan scheme. We have also supported work at the two parish owned playing fields to improve efficiency, active travel infrastructure and reduce waste.

We have not fully implemented all measures but good progress has been made on a community car share scheme and the drawing up a full biodiversity plan.

Our greatest challenges have been to do with engaging parishioners and with extending PACE membership. We will look to address these better in the next phase.

Actions / Aims

Short-term actions - To be delivered within six months - Deadline 30th June 2023				
Actions that can be taken by the Parish Council almost immediately for little or no cost, and that will have an immediate impact				
#	Action	Who	Status	Notes
1	Declare a Climate Emergency	Parish Council	Complete	Actioned in 2019
2	Form a local Climate Action Network Include local councillors, experts, organisations, and representatives of the parish community to focus on addressing the emergency, explore ideas, and prioritise actions, feeding back regularly to council meetings	Parish Council	Complete	Powick Action Climate Emergency PACE set up
3	Renewable Energy Supply for PC Switch to a renewable energy supplier for all Parish Council-run buildings/street lighting etc. Co-benefit: Long-term energy provision resilience	Parish Council / PACE	Incomplete	Callow End Pavilion - Michelle to provide data / bills for researching this in H2 2023 Powick Sports Pavilion - Delayed until H2 2023 as electricity hasn't been supplied yet
4	Lower PC Energy Usage / Emissions	Parish Council /	Partial	Hospital Lane development meets high efficiency and renewable energy standards

	<p>Install LED/low energy bulbs in all Parish Council-run buildings/streetlights.</p> <p>Identify and address areas where improvements can be made in council activities.</p> <p>Co-benefit: Long-term electricity bill savings</p>	PACE		<p>PACE worked with CEPFA to deliver efficiency savings across new infra and playing field events.</p> <p>Proposal - all replacement bulbs and appliances for Hospital Lane and Callow End Pavilion are eco-friendly</p> <p>Proposal to Michelle for replacing street lights as and when needed with eco-bulbs</p> <p>Future activity - Track energy usage for CEP and HLP over time (KwH)</p>
5	<p>Contract Awards</p> <p>Commit to considering and reporting on the potential carbon emissions when awarding contracts, not just price. Use local suppliers wherever possible for the supply of goods and services</p> <p>Always consider alternatives to replacement first. Repair / renew</p>	Parish Council / PACE	Partial	<p>Neighbourhood Development Plan will hopefully incorporate guidance around contract awards and the requirement for sustainable providers</p> <p>Individuals have completed repairs to noticeboards / bins / infrastructure / benches</p> <p>Proposal - Repair First approach to PC assets</p>
6	<p>Raising Awareness and Involvement</p> <p>Make use of opportunities to engage with other Parish Councils, District Councils, and national Government to promote policies, legislation, schemes, and programmes to combat the impact of climate change. Link with other</p>	PACE	Partial	<p>PACE Website articles from local groups - plus other social media</p> <p>Engagement with Transition Malvern Hills, MHDC officers and events - Notably the eBike scheme</p> <p>Have had stall at local events to promote PACE / our initiatives.</p>

	<p>organisations to share expertise, experience, and knowledge.</p> <p>Get public involved - <i>Contact local interest groups etc</i></p>			
7	<p>Reduce local car use</p> <p>Promote the reduction of car use. Encourage car-sharing. Explore the possibility of facilitating a commercial car club, cycle share club, and walking (including walk-to-school initiatives).</p> <p>Co-benefit: Health and wellbeing benefits, reduction in traffic, reduction in pollution, increased safety on roads</p>	PACE	Partial	<p>Adverts for PC-run car and cycle share schemes in September 2022 newsletter and Spring 2023</p> <p>Installed cycle parking at Callow End playing fields</p> <p>E-bike loan initiative - running permanently in parish with collected data from users. Universally positive feedback.</p> <p>Contact made with Hiya around car share schemes. Ongoing. Contact made with primary schools about Bike Bus initiative but no scheme in place yet.</p>
8	<p>Biodiversity for carbon sequestration</p> <p>Develop and launch a PACE Biodiversity Action Plan.</p> <p>Set up a project group to explore feasibility and impact of biodiversity measures in the parish towards sequestering carbon. Identify areas for planting and suppliers/contractors, and willing landowners.</p> <p>Co-benefit: Long-term health and wellbeing</p>	PACE	Partial	<p>Schemes to reduce mowing and highlight this through signage. No Mow May.</p> <p>Crowdfunded Pollinator site scheme was a great success - trees, planting, bat boxes in multiple sites.</p> <p>Biodiversity Action Plan in draft.</p>