

RIDGMONT PARISH COUNCIL

Environmental Policy Statement

The Council recognises the importance of Environmental Protection. It is committed to meeting this challenge, and has identified which of its processes could have an environmental effect, and will establish Environmental Management Programmes that will enable it to monitor and incorporate improvements.

The Council recognise the importance of protecting the environment, and are fully committed to complying with the requirements of all relevant legislation, particularly the Environment Protection Act, 1990. In order to achieve this, it is Management Policy to do all that is reasonable to:-

- Achieve the highest available environmental standards in all of our activities , including the storage and disposal of waste;**
- Use all resources as efficiently as possible, in particular making the most economic use of all materials, energy and water, and to minimise waste in all parts of the business;**
- Prepare contingency plans to deal with foreseeable environmental accidents;**
- Include environmental considerations in investment decisions;**
- Whenever possible, liaise with our suppliers to persuade them to adopt similar environmental standards;**
- Assess regularly the environmental impact resulting from our operations and keep ourselves fully informed of recognised best practices.**

Employees and Members have a duty to co-operate with these objectives:-

- By working safely and efficiently and in an environmentally friendly manner;**

- **By using specific equipment provided, following instructions and by meeting statutory obligations;**
- **By reporting or communicating any incidents and ideas that will assist the Council to initiate further improvements to its policies and working practices.**

The Clerk is responsible for the overall implementation of the Council's Policy on the environment, and of advising Members on environmental matters.

All employees and Members have the responsibility of ensuring that activities under their control conform to the legal requirements, and that the appropriate environmental standards are achieved and maintained.

Employees and Members have a responsibility to ensure that the Council complies; not only with the legal requirements, but with the achievement of the policy, and their active involvement is encouraged.

This policy was approved in November 2019