



ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

PRINCIPLES

Stainton Village Hall Committee considers the protection of the environment to be of major importance and regards environmental protection as an integral part of efficient management. The Committee aims to carry out its activities with environmental efficiency, and will seek to protect and enhance the local environment within its area of operation.

The hall was constructed in 2019 to a high standard and incorporates many modern energy efficient design features including solar panels for electricity generation and water heating, a heat exchange system and thermal insulation.

The Committee will:

- continue to ensure that the hall uses energy, natural resources and non-renewable resources efficiently and that waste, pollution and cost are minimised;
- inform users of the Committee's environmental policies and respond and react to feedback; and
- encourage and support individual behaviour change in residents, leading by example and supporting environmentally friendly activities.

POLICIES

Stainton Village Hall Committee will:

Awareness and Commitment

- promote awareness of the principles and objectives of environment protection;
- ensure that the hall and activities associated with it comply with all relevant environmental regulations;
- ensure that users of the hall and contractors are familiar with and implement the Committee's environmental commitment and its objectives;
- strive to increase awareness of energy efficiency and encourage energy-conserving behaviour by its employees, volunteers, users of the hall and contractors;

Energy and Water

- monitor the energy use of the hall and seek to improve its energy efficiency by adopting energy-saving measures and equipment;
- monitor the use of water and promote efficient and careful use of water;
- avoid pollutants entering the drainage system;

Waste

- minimise waste produced by the activities of the hall by, wherever possible, reducing, repairing and reusing resources, or by recycling waste;
- avoid the creation of unnecessary waste by adhering to a policy of considered strategic purchasing;
- dispose of waste in a safe and responsible way;

Materials and Resources

- buy products which are made in accordance with the principle of using material in a sustainable way and use locally-made goods, where practicable;
- take into account the lifetime costs of materials when repairing, altering or rebuilding premises;
- maximise the proportion of paper used from sustainable sources and recycled materials;
- use electronic communication as an alternative to paper whenever practicable;

Natural Environment

- take appropriate opportunities to conserve and enhance the natural environment surrounding the hall;
- be sensitive to the impact of activities taking place in the hall on the local environment;

Travel

- make every effort to reduce air pollution and energy consumption resulting from the use of the car by avoidance of unnecessary travel; and
- encourage users of the Village Hall to travel on foot, by cycle or on public transport as much as possible.

REVIEW

These policies will be reviewed annually following the AGM and the Committee will aim to improve its standards of environmental protection in light of increased understanding and knowledge.

Stainton Village Hall Committee

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