**Lytchett Matravers Parish Council**

**Proposed Response to Climate Change**

Through the [Climate Change Act](https://www.theccc.org.uk/tackling-climate-change/the-legal-landscape/the-climate-change-act/), the UK Government has committed to:

* reduce emissions by at least 100% of 1990 levels (net zero) by 2050
* contribute to global emission reductions, to limit global temperature rise to as little as possible above 2°C

The UK Government also has a target that houses should be upgraded to achieve EPC Band C by 2035.

In response to the target set by the UK Government, and to reflect public concerns about Climate Change, it is proposed that the Parish Council approve the following actions:

* Establish a Climate Change Working Group, which should report to the Finance and General Purposes Committee. The scope of work for this Working Group should cover two separate workstreams, as follows:
	+ Actions to be taken by the Parish Council to improve the energy efficiency of buildings it owns or leases and reduce any adverse impact of its own operations on the climate
	+ Engagement with the community to identify and encourage actions and behaviours to reduce the adverse impact of activities within the village on the climate
* Identify a Leader for the Working Group
* Commission a review of the land and buildings owned or leased by the Parish Council with a view to developing recommendations for improvements. These might include improved insulation, use of renewable energy electricity supply, lower carbon means of space heating and providing hot water, planting trees, etc

Councillor Ralph Watts

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