

"Hullbridge Goes Green" Proposal

It is proposed that any initiative undertaken by Hullbridge Parish Council linked to, or in direct relation to, the environment should be conducted, advertised, and kept record of under the banner of the "Hullbridge Goes Green" project.

Examples of things we have done recently that could be included in the project include but are not limited to: The Charles III Coronation Tree, the installation of solar-powered streetlights, the restoration of the Kendal Park Pond, the new water recycling facilities at the Council Offices, etc. The project would largely fall under the remit of the Environment and Open Spaces Committee (EOSC), but other committees and full council will also have both oversight and involvement in some of the various initiatives included within it.

The reasoning behind this proposal is that there is a real desire amongst national and local governments to be seen to be working on environmental policies and outcomes, and the adoption of a project focussed on improving, maintaining, and promoting Hullbridge's environmental sustainability will not only show residents that we are cognisant of this need, but it can also ensure that we are continually motivated to work on the local environment.

By showing a clear commitment to environmental policy, Hullbridge Parish Council can demonstrate its evolution into a 21st century future-facing council and allow us to work better with the community and sector-specific groups to ensure that Hullbridge remains an environmentally healthy area to live in. Additionally, by being kept in check by the existence of such a project, Hullbridge Parish Council will also be more aware of its need to reduce its own emissions and make environmentally smart decisions with regards to waste, recycling, and new purchases.

It is hugely important that Hullbridge Parish Council is seen as more than a "talking shop" and allows itself to be seen and heard to do tangible things, and the adoption of this proposal is an excellent opportunity to demonstrate the Council's abilities and commitments to the local community and its beautiful environment. I sincerely hope that the Council adopts this proposal so we can begin to show residents that we are working for and with them to protect the natural world that needs us now more than ever.

- Cllr Conner Agius, Chairman of the EOSC