Ashby Herringfleet & Somerleyton Parish Council

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Ashby Herringfleet & Somerleyton Parish Council recognises that we live in a unique area of natural beauty and history. It aims to promote the importance and value of our local environment and its contribution to the quality of life for our community by:

Waste and recycling:

- Minimising the creation of waste and wherever possible recycling materials that otherwise would go to landfill or incineration; this includes Tetra-Paks and crisp packets.
- Encouraging the recycling of blister packs, batteries, ink cartridges, plastic bags etc. to the appropriate recycling points.
- Encouraging the use of waste bins for general litter and dog excrements.
- Participating in organised Litter Pick Ups.
- Discouraging excess use of plastics incl. balloons and Chinese lanterns.

Looking after nature:

- Supporting the conservation of trees, hedgerows, ponds and marsh land.
- Supporting the protection of local fauna.
- Supporting rights of way and local footpaths.
- Supporting working parties to help maintain nature, e.g.: the yearly cutting and raking of the Brick Kilns area.
- Discouraging disturbance to wild life such as light pollution and excess noise incl. firework displays in private gardens.
- Discouraging the use of harmful pesticides.

Planning and development:

- Supporting the Neighbourhood Plan to ensure new homes are energy efficient and constructed with environment friendly materials.

Looking after our historic heritage:

- Supporting and encouraging the maintenance of local historic sites such as the Pound, the Brick Kiln ruins and the Village Green pump.

Healthy living:

- Encouraging outdoor exercise such as playing tennis, badminton and table tennis.
- Providing and maintaining benches for people walking through the villages.
- Supporting East Suffolk's initiatives relating to healthy living.

Air pollution:

- Discouraging engine idling by car drivers.
- Encouraging car sharing within Covid safety measures.

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