

# South Milton Parish Council

## Draft Declaration of Climate and Nature Emergency

The Parish Council acknowledges the importance of tackling the climate and nature crisis. As a local Council, it is a key influencing organisation for local people. It is therefore critical that the Council helps the Parish of South Milton to become net zero; to restore damaged natural systems and to work with local partner organisations and Councils.

In recognition of this and to lead the way, the Council resolves to;

- reduce the carbon footprint of its own operations footprint to ***net-zero*** by ***2035***
- commit to working with partners to aim to reduce the Parish emissions from ***5810tCO<sub>2</sub>e*** carbon to ***net-zero*** by ***2050*** at the latest
- aim for a ***10%*** Biodiversity Net Gain in the habitat value of our public open space
- Promote and embed sustainable and energy efficient practices throughout the Parish and to promote behavioural change across the area
- Establish a Climate and Biodiversity working group to report and monitor on progress

*It is proposed that this draft is reviewed by the Climate and Nature task force and specifically the targets highlighted in bold italics.*