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Stithians Parish Council declares "Climate Emergency"

At the January meeting of Stithians Parish Council, Members resolved to declare a "Climate Emergency" and to investigate what measures could be implemented at a local level to work towards a solution to the problem.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) produced a damning report in 2018 that suggested that we only have 12 years to avoid a catastrophic rise in climate temperatures which will have serious consequences for mankind. Politicians around the world are so focussed on today's problems of Brexit and building walls, and getting re-elected in the short term, that they tend to ignore the greatest threat for us, our children and grandchildren, perhaps until it is too late!

It is for this reason that Stithians Parish Council decided to exert what pressure it can and resolved as follows:-

1. To declare a 'climate emergency';
2. To pledge to work towards making Stithians Parish carbon neutral by 2030, taking into account both production and consumption emissions;
3. To call on Westminster and Cornwall Council to provide the powers and resources to make the 2030 target possible;
4. To work with government to determine and implement best practice methods to limit Global Warming to less than 1.5°C;
5. To continue to work with partners across the parish of Stithians to deliver this new goal through all relevant strategies and plans;
6. To prepare, in conjunction with Stithians Energy Group (SEG), a report within 6 months stating the actions Stithians Parish Council will take to address this emergency.

The Chairman of Stithians Parish Council (SPC), Phil Blease said “I am very pleased that SPC is taking these steps in addressing the problems of climate change. It is a worldwide problem but it is also important that everyone at the “grass roots” level makes a start and takes whatever action they can to address the issue. Only then will corporate organisations and governments wake up to the fact that climate change really matters and there is not long left to take the decisive action that will be needed everywhere.”

Stithians Parish Council will be working with Stithians Energy Group to produce a report to establish what can be done at a local level to address this emergency. All things will be considered from encouraging car sharing to planting new woodlands and helping parishioners and businesses to reduce their carbon footprint.

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