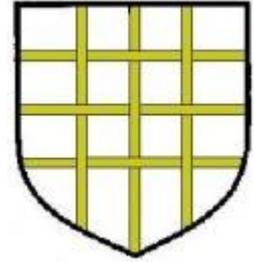


# SKIRLAUGH PARISH COUNCIL



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## Climate Emergency Declaration

We are facing an unprecedented climate and ecological catastrophe. Leading scientists from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) have warned that if we carry on with 'business as usual' and don't take emergency action on climate change, we face the gravest threats to both our local and global environment. This includes worsening risks of drought, floods, extreme heat and poverty for hundreds of million of people.

Extreme weather events are already being seen in East Yorkshire with flooding a regular occurrence throughout the county. Specifically to Skirlaugh flooding poses the greatest risk due to our low-lying geographical location.

The IPCC, a body of the United Nations, reports that human activities are estimated to have caused a rise of at least 1C of global warming above pre-industrial levels. To reduce the chance of runaway global warming and limit the effects of climate breakdown, it is imperative that we significantly reduce our CO2 emissions to less than 2 tonnes per person per year as soon as possible. Current plans and actions are not going far enough.

In the light of this urgent situation, Skirlaugh Parish Council

- Officially declares a Climate Emergency
- Resolves to put the emergency at the forefront of discussions and decision making
- Pledges to make Skirlaugh Parish Council 'carbon neutral' by 2030
- Will commit to using only environmentally friendly companies for any contract work (whenever reasonably possible to do so)
- Calls on East Riding of Yorkshire Council and the Government to make available to parish and town councils the powers, resources and technical support necessary to make the 2030 target possible
- Will actively increase the biodiversity of the green spaces within the village
- Will appoint one of its members to be 'Climate and Ecological Representative' for the parish council. This person will initially be charged with formulating an action plan in order to achieve the goals set out in this declaration. This will be done within six months of the declaration. After this time the representative will be responsible for monitoring the council's commitment, as well as publishing an annual declaration review.

**This declaration was made at a meeting of Skirlaugh Parish Council on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021.**

**Signed by Cllr. Richard Corden, Chairman of Skirlaugh Parish Council**