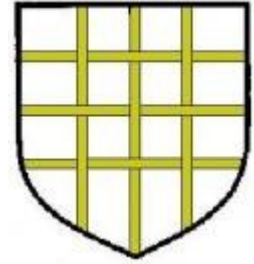


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Climate Emergency Declaration

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 this Declaration 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. See our Project Wilder Skirlaugh policy for details.
- Will appoint one of its members to be 'Climate and Ecological Representative' for the parish council. The representative will be responsible for monitoring the council's commitment, as well as publishing an annual declaration review at the Annual Parish Meeting.

This declaration was made at a meeting of Skirlaugh Parish Council on 3rd March 2021.

Reviewed and amended 25th September 2024.