

## **Chapel and Hill Chorlton Parish Council**

### **Declaration of Climate and Ecological Emergency**

**17 November 2021**

On 9 August 2021 the Secretary General of the United Nations described the Working Group I contribution to the Sixth Assessment Report, *Climate Change 2021: The Physical Science Basis*, as “a code red for humanity. The alarm bells are deafening, and the evidence is irrefutable.”

Chapel and Hill Chorlton Parish Council accepts the scientific findings that the rapid heating of the Earth’s atmosphere is the result of historical and continuing release of fossil carbon since the Industrial Revolution and that the growing number of extreme weather events resulting in loss of life and destruction and loss of land and property is driven by global heating.

Further, Chapel and Hill Chorlton Parish Council accepts that the ecological and biodiversity crisis resulting in the decline and loss of species is driven by global heating and other human actions that result in the pollution and destruction of habitats.

The climate and ecological crises together threaten to make parts of the planet uninhabitable; to force mass migration of human and other populations to remaining habitable areas; to cause loss of life among both humans and other species; to cause extinction of species, including insects that are the foundational support for other species on the planet and their food supplies; and to reduce the area of fertile and cultivable land available for food production.

Chapel and Hill Chorlton Parish Council therefore resolves to declare a climate and ecological emergency. Accordingly, in its decision making, in performance of its statutory powers and duties, and in all its other actions it will take into consideration the potential climate and/or ecological mitigations or impacts of those decisions or actions; and it will provide or pass on appropriate information or advice to residents.