

Climate Change Risk Matrix Discussion Parish Council Talks – The One Tonne Challenge

		Choose the future – pick a column	
		Column A We take action	Column B We take no action
Guess the future – pick a row	Human induced Climate de-stabilisation		
	<p>Row 1 Climate change is false, it is not happening</p> <p>The sceptics are right</p>	<p>Box 1 Consequences:</p> <p>Doom mongers (climate scientists) were wrong. We made the wrong decision.</p> <p>Wasted money mostly. Economic deprivation. Resources diverted to climate change that could support other causes. Unnecessary changes / adaptations that we need not have taken. Genetically modified crops. Draconian regulations.</p>	<p>Box 3 Consequences:</p> <p>Doom mongers were wrong. We made the right decision.</p> <p>We breathe a sigh of relief. We laugh at the doom mongers. Best economic future, no money wasted.</p>
	<p>Consequences whether climate change is true or false.</p>	<p>We have a cleaner world with less pollution. We use resources more efficiently. Increased security of energy / fuel supply Fossil fuels are conserved. Science is advanced. Transition - community resilience increased. More locally produced food and fuel. Stronger local economy, re-skilled population.</p>	<p>We still have some environmental problems but climate change is not one of them. We run out of fossil fuel resources. Peak Oil, peak gas. We live in a polluted world.</p>
<p>Row 2 True</p> <p>Climate change is happening</p> <p>The climate science community are right</p>	<p>Box 2 Consequences:</p> <p>Sceptics were wrong. Doom mongers were right. We made the right decision.</p> <p>There are opportunities in many sectors – such as growing different crops. We learned a lot. GM crops. More biodiversity. Better land management. Less disease. Cleaner energy production. Could save money.</p> <p>The money spent on actions and the regulation allowed us to act on climate change – it is a different world but it is still liveable.</p>	<p>Box 4 Consequences:</p> <p>Sceptics were wrong. Doom mongers were right. We made the wrong decision.</p> <p>Changing weather patterns. Increased frequency and intensity of extreme weather. Ice sheets melt. Sea level rises. Coastal inundation. Populations displaced. Flooding, summer droughts, water shortages. Species extinctions. Gulf stream slowing. Disease, epidemics, pandemics. Crop failures, famines. Changes in biodiversity. Giant rats. Storms, high winds, hurricanes. Deaths. Economic collapse.</p> <p>Would be like a world straight out of science fiction. Economic collapse because of being hit by crisis after crisis</p>	