Little Downham Parish Council

Parish Council Biodiversity Policy

Introduction

Little Downham Parish Council is committed to protecting and enhancing biodiversity within our parish. We recognise the importance of maintaining healthy ecosystems for the benefit of local wildlife, residents, and future generations.

Objectives

- Promote Biodiversity: To protect and enhance the natural environment, including local wildlife habitats, plants, and ecosystems, in all our activities.
- Encourage Sustainable Practices: Ensure that the council's decisions, projects, and land management practices promote sustainable development and reduce harm to biodiversity.
- Raise Awareness: Educate local residents and community members about the importance of biodiversity and encourage actions that support it.

Collaborate with Local Organisations: Work with local environmental groups, volunteers, and experts to monitor and protect biodiversity in the parish.

Actions

- Green Spaces Management: Where possible, manage parish-owned green spaces to support local wildlife, with an emphasis on native species and organic practices.
- Wildlife Corridors: Encourage the creation of wildlife corridors to allow species to move freely across the parish.
- Local Habitat Protection: Protect existing habitats such as woodlands, grasslands, and wetlands, and avoid actions that may degrade these environments.

Sustainable Practices in Parish Council Activities: Implement eco-friendly practices in all council activities, including landscaping, waste management, and energy use.

Encouraging Public Participation: Promote wildlife-friendly actions such as planting native species, maintaining bird boxes, and creating bee-friendly environments in private gardens and public spaces.

Monitoring and Review

The Parish Council will regularly review the effectiveness of this policy and the condition of biodiversity in the parish. We will seek feedback from residents and experts to improve our approach.

Conclusion

The Parish Council is committed to ensuring that biodiversity remains a priority in all our decisions, helping to create a sustainable, healthy, and thriving environment for all to enjoy.

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